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Lessons in goodwill at CPS



Ethan Hart, left, and Oliver Barrett.

Lisa Haines



INSPIRATION AND CONGRATULATIONS—Hours before their graduation Friday, Telstar seniors took to the road to parade through the hallways of Crescent Park School in Bethel and the Woodstock Elementary School. The elementary youngsters made signs for the class and for individuals to congratulate them, and cheered them as they passed by. Above (visible from front) seniors Shannon Alanskas, Jessica Dine, Brandon Zadakis, Carla Boyle-Wight, Dakota Merrill and Blair Stevens walk through CPS. Staff who taught the seniors joined the celebration also, getting hugs from some of their former students.

A. Aloisio

Telstar Class of 2016 bids farewell

By ALISON ALOISIO

Fifty-two Telstar graduates were sent off with their diplomas Friday.

In a ceremony in the school gymnasium, Principal Cheryl Lang opened the gathering.

She praised the class members for their hard work and dedication, noting many had jobs and participated in co- and

extra-curricular activities, in addition to being full-time students. She also thanked the parents, teachers and school staff who supported them.

The National Anthem was then sung by class member Hayley Peterson.

Speeches by the Top 3 scholars in the class followed.

Co-valedictorian Jes-

sica Dine noted that at high school graduation time, seniors face questions about their future plans and choices that may make the experience "kind of frightening" for some.

"I think a lot of people are overly influenced by expectations, theirs or those of the people around them. They think their only op-

tion is to fulfill them—and that trips them up because it isn't, and that's OK," she said. "People try to do big things all the time, and they can, and they do, but it isn't something you can force and it's not going to happen overnight ...

"You can do whatever you decide to do," she said, and when that hap-

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Fifth-grader pays it forward at Masons' 'Bikes for Books'

By ALISON ALOISIO

Last week the Bethel Masonic Lodge #30 gave away six new bicycles at Crescent Park Elementary School as part of its "Bikes for Books" program.

One of the winners turned it into an opportunity to give a gift of his own.

The Charitable Foundation of the Grand Lodge of Maine sponsors the program to encourage students to read, according to the organization. Each time students read

an age-appropriate book, their name goes in for a drawing, held at the end of the school year. The more they read, the better their chances of earning a bike and safety helmet.

Last Friday, CPS held an assembly for the third-through-fifth-graders, the grades that participated in the program.

One of the names drawn was fifth-grader Oliver Barrett. But as soon as he accepted the new bike, he promptly gave it away - to

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Buyer: no plans for 'snowman lot'

By ALISON ALOISIO

A spokesman for the buyer of the "Snowman Lot" in Bethel Station said last week there are no immediate plans to build anything on it.

The 3.2-acre lot was purchased for \$365,000 under the name of Bahre Station LLC, with Gary Bahre of Oxford listed as the principal, according to information provided in March by the realtor handling the sale.

"We don't have any plans," said Nancy Cushman, president of Speedway, Inc. of Oxford, a Bahre company. "We think it's a great lot, a great place to be, and we hope one day to be able to develop it."

Cushman said, "Everyone wants to do something on [the lot]. Gary and Bob [Bahre] care about the communities they go into. They like Bethel."

The lot is known by the "Snowman" name because it was the site of two record-breaking giant snowpeople built there in the last 20 years.

Before it became part of the Bethel Station development in the early 1990s, the lot was formerly owned by the town of Bethel and was the site of the town garage.

Votes: Withdrawal process will go on; Bethel elects a new selectman

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry residents voted overwhelmingly Tuesday to keep the town's school withdrawal process going.

And Bethel elected a new selectman, Andy Whitney.

NEWRY

Asked if they wished to end the process which so far has not produced a withdrawal plan for them to vote on, Newry residents responded "no" 114-43.

Said Jim Sysko, chairman of the Newry Withdrawal Committee, "Not only does this vote show Newry's interest in continuing to pursue a withdrawal plan but it also sends a message that things need to change at SAD 44 both educationally and financially. Newry is serious about this. It's in the best interest of the whole district."

The June 14 referendum

came about after the SAD 44 School Board asked for it as a condition for setting up a new committee, comprised of representatives from all district towns, to try to craft a local school funding formula more financially favorable to Newry.

That panel has met once so far, on May 19, to discuss the issue. It is scheduled to meet again on July 12.

As for the next step for the Newry Withdrawal Committee, Sysko said, "We'll have a meeting sometime in July. The committee may repurpose our last offer to SAD 44 in hopes of reaching an agreement."

Newry Selectman Jim Largess had advocated for the June 14 referendum, arguing that residents should have an opportunity

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Newry board votes to change to fiscal year

By ALISON ALOISIO

Newry selectmen last week voted to change the town's budget year from a calendar year to a fiscal year, beginning in July of 2017.

A fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. It will put the town in line with the way school districts time their budget years, and will provide the opportunity to alleviate Newry's annual cash flow problem, according to

Town Administrator Amy Bernard.

The changeover period will initially feature a six-month budget running from Jan. 1 to June 30 of 2017, selectmen decided. The 2017 March Town Meeting budget vote will be for that period, and

there will be a six-month tax bill to cover it, expected to be sent out in April, Bernard said.

That bill will be significantly less than half the usual annual bill, she said, because county taxes will not be assessed at that time.

Another Town Meeting will be scheduled in May, to vote on the first 12-month budget for July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018.

There will be two installments of the tax bill for that period and for fiscal years thereafter, which will help with the cash flow for the town, Bernard said. The payments will likely be due in September and May, she said.

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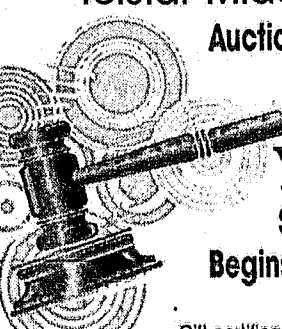
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Letters

CONCERNS ON WIND POWER

To the Editor:

I am deeply dismayed to learn that Milton plantation is on the "fast track" for wind power development. We do not need nine to twelve new towers in this area.

We already know how wind power has adversely affected people around the nine towers that already exist.

The towers make NOISE that disrupts people's lives, creating all sorts of undesirable physical symptoms like headaches, an inability to concentrate, an internal buzzing sound that works under the threshold of awareness, to mention a few possibilities.

People's homes and cottages around the existing towers have suffered a financial loss.

As a Woodstock resident I personally would be negatively impacted by the sight of new towers on the ridge of Chamberlain and Bryant Mountains, if not by accompanying noise.

We know little about how wind power affects wildlife beyond understanding that these towers kill song-birds, and may negatively impact migratory routes of other birds. We need an extensive body of research to be done on birds and mammals before erecting any more towers.

There is a bat cave in the proposed development area, one of three known in Maine. Our Myotis bat population has crashed (95 percent decline) due to White-Nosed Syndrome. All three species of Myotis bats are federally listed as endangered.

The Little Brown Bat and Northern Long Eared Bat are also listed as endangered, and the Eastern Small Footed Bat threatened, by the MDIFW, who also states that "the protection of remaining individuals is critical if there is ever to be a chance of recovery of the species."

I am not against wind power in theory. However, I reject any so called green energy projects that are made at human or non human expense.

Sara Wright
Woodstock

CELEBRATE LOCAL FOOD

To the Editor:

Maine is becoming a leader in producing healthy food for our region, and the Bethel area is a growing part of this effort. Come to the Gem Theater on Thursday, June 23, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. to celebrate our local food efforts!

The Local Food Connection is partnering with the Natural Resources Council of Maine and The Gem to provide an evening of food, beverages, entertainment and good company. Meet your local gardeners and farmers over hors d'oeuvres from 6 to 7.

At 7 p.m., we offer a free showing of the award-winning documentary film, JUST EAT IT, described by reviewers as "shocking, thought-provoking... inspirational," "smart and snappy," and "powerful." Ryan Parker of NRCM will invite discussion of the issues of food waste after the film.

So that parents can see the film, there will also be supervised Nature Cat movies for kids with activities provided by NRCM. The movies will be shown for free, and donations will be accepted for food and beverages.

We invite our community to enjoy the welcoming space at The Gem while celebrating our farmers and gardeners.

Bonnie Pooley
Bethel

THANKS FOR BEING THERE

To the Editor:

This is a big "thank you" to Mike Evans, Ed Swain and Jody Gaudreau. I was in need of help when my truck had smoke pouring out on Route 2 in Bethel. A few quick phone calls and these three guys went above and beyond to be helpful.

Have you ever driven your vehicle into Mighty Good Wrench with an emergency vehicle issue? He will always accommodate you. Have you ever stopped in at the Swain Farm needing a pumpkin after hours, or the guys to "fix something up quick" for you? Many of us have!

But ... I hope everyone says "thank you" and really appreciates them. Do not take these hard working neighbors for granted.

I want to say "thank you" and I appreciate all you do for me, and everyone in this area. Our community is lucky to have you fixing our vehicles, providing us with fresh produce and always being there.

Michelle Purinton
Bethel

ON BETHEL POLITICS

To the Editor:

With all the family "stuff" that's been going on this season, I'm embarrassed to admit that preparing for the Bethel Town Meeting got sidelined. While we'll be attending, I feel a lot more sympathetic for those of us who are "up to here" with their own obligations. That said, I have to comment on a letter that appeared here last week, stating that Bethel needs to make changes in our BOS.

I've known most of the folks now on our BOS since we moved here in 2000. While differing on specific issues, I'm deeply grateful to Stan Howe and Don Bennett for being the stalwarts, the "Keepers" of knowledge, experience, and civil tone that have kept Bethel on an even keel in the face of what is best described as a malignancy attacking American political processes at virtually all levels. Bethel needs precisely those strengths to defeat the malignancy and guide our body politic toward enduring well-being.

Messrs. Bennett and Howe are exemplary in their conduct of affairs on our behalf. They, along with other board members and staff who share informed regard for American democracy, deserve our respect and support. We must not let frustrations fanned by dishonesty and ignorance fool us into making poorly informed change. We owe it to our future generations to protect and serve the shared vision of our Founders that lives on in these good folks. We've got to get smarter and more active in our democracy. We're facing a long, rough road ahead, Citizens.

Seabury Lyon
Bethel

CPS PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISER

To the Editor:

We know that a child's learning benefits from regular outdoor time, physical activity, and creative play. In December 2015 Crescent Park School had to remove their playground due to health risks. A small group of Parent Teacher Association (PTA) members, and supporters, have been working hard to put a new playground in place before the start of this next school year. A huge thank you to SAD 44, many area businesses, and the numerous people that have contributed thus far to the campaign. The work isn't complete. We still need the community's support to raise approximately \$5,000 to complete the project. Can you help us? Do you have a child in the district? A grandchild? A family friend? Or maybe you went to Crescent Park School yourself? Every amount large or small will help us reach the goal needed. Donations can be made a number of ways. Checks can be mailed to: CPS PTA, 19 Crescent Lane, Bethel 04217. There is a Go Fund ME page established for online donations: <https://www.gofundme.com/CPSPlayground>. You can also reach out to PTA committee members Lydia Mills at 603-502-0661 or Mary Scanlon at 207-418-4787 directly.

There will be a showing at The Gem Theater in Bethel of the new animated Disney movie "Finding Dory" this Thursday evening at 7 p.m. Twenty percent of ticket sales from this event will go to the Playground Project. There will be a raffle at this event with a variety of prizes to local establishments, AAH Fireworks, and more. Cost is \$8 per adult, \$6 for kids and seniors. Hope to see you there!

Thank you all for making this project a reality.

Sarah DeCato, CPS parent
Bethel

COME TO ROTARY YARD SALE/AUCTION

To the Editor:

On Saturday, June 25, the Rotary Club of Bethel will be sponsoring its 29th Annual Yard Sale and Auction at Telstar High School. The Yard Sale will begin at 8 a.m. and will continue throughout the day on Saturday and Sunday. The preview for the auction starts at 5:30 p.m. Saturday evening, followed by the auction at 6:30 p.m. sharp. As always, it promises to be a lively event with hundreds of items, including an assortment of gift certificates from local merchants.

In the past, this auction has successfully raised funds for scholarships, senior citizen activities and other community related projects. Businesses or individuals interested in making a donation to this worthwhile event are encouraged to do so. Individuals wishing to donate items to the auction may call or text 653-9297 to arrange for pick up.

This year, the Rotary Club is again inviting interested individuals to consider donating "big ticket" items such as antiques, vehicles, snowmobiles, etc. with a percentage of the final price going to the club and the remainder going back to the donor.

The Bethel Rotary Club has been fortunate to enjoy the overwhelming support of the community for many years. That level of support has been deeply appreciated. We hope you will join us on June 25 for another exciting event.

Kevin Finley, Bethel Rotary president
Bethel

MARIJUANA HAS RISKS

To the Editor:

The short-term effects of marijuana include problems with memory and learning, distorted perception, difficulty in thinking and problem-solving, and loss of coordination.

Whole or crude marijuana (including cannabis oil or hemp oil) is not approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for any medical use.

It is clear that in order to prevent use by youth, public education and awareness of the potential health risks are critical.

The expansion of medical marijuana laws has resulted in negative consequences. Teen use rates are significantly higher in states with medical marijuana laws compared to other states. Moreover, youth perception rates of the harmful effects of marijuana have significantly decreased in states that have legalized medical marijuana.

Children and teens are impressionable and their developing brains are more susceptible to addiction. Marijuana use lowers teens' good judgment and self-control leading to bad decisions and risky behavior.

Marijuana is a harmful drug. It is stronger than in the past, contains dangerous chemicals, and can be laced with other drugs. Teens who use marijuana can't know for sure what they are putting into their bodies and how it will affect them.

Let's keep our children and teens safe and stop portraying Marijuana as harmless.

Patricia Duguay, Executive Director
River Valley Healthy Communities Coalition, Rumford

From the Newry Deputy Town Clerk

By Kelly Scott

On June 7, the Selectmen formally voted to accept a road plan engineered by JAGJA Inc. for the Sunday River road project. JAGJA presented several different options. The plan will be a complete reconstruction of the Sunday River road, from Monkey Brook intersection ending at the new portion of road before Letter S. The next step will be to hold a Special Town meeting to authorize the funding. Details of the plan are available to view at the town office and will be available for the Special Town Meeting.

The Town will be holding a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday June 21, 6 p.m. at the Newry Grange Hall. Voters will be asked to vote on the following:

"To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$264,000.00 for the Sunday River Road project," and "To see if the Town will vote to authorize general obligation borrowing not to exceed \$850,000.00." (A Treasurer's Financial Statement will be available to review.)

There will be a Selectmen meeting held prior to the Special Town Meeting at 5 p.m. at the Newry Town Office.

As always, the Artists Covered Bridge is a hot spot for weddings and photo-sessions. This year thus far we have 36 functions on our courtesy calendar. We always like to remind folks that you are encouraged to call the town office to check availability of the bridge. We keep a calendar, but it is only as a courtesy. The bridge is a public location (actually owned and maintained by the State of Maine) and all are welcome. We ask that visitors of the bridge be respectful to landowners when parking. Please don't park on private land and/or driveways and try to keep your vehicle as far out of the roadway as you can. On the flip-side, we ask that motorists on the road be cautious of pedestrians in that area.

Here's your historical tidbit from the Newry Archives: The Sunday River cemetery and Old Powers cemetery were formed in 1816. The Head of Tide Cemetery was 1854 and New Powers Cemetery 1957. The smallest town-maintained cemetery is located in the field at the beginning of the Bear River road and is a small family cemetery from the 1850s.

Until next time... stay informed, ask questions and get involved!

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Newry Mothers' Club disbanded after 50 years of helping local kids and schools.

Telstar graduate Anna Willard placed sixth in the 3,000-meter steeple chase at the NCAA Track & Field Championships in Sacramento, Calif.

Deaths: Estella H. Glover, June F. Grace, Ralph K. Taylor, Scott D. Legere, Barby Mason Rice.

20 years ago: The Maine DEP lifted the no swimming advisory on 15 miles of the Androscoggin from the New Hampshire state line to Sunday River.

A Vermont logging truck tipped over in Gilead after the driver turned into the ditch to avoid rear-ending a car stopped for a school bus.

Births: Marie Iva Ring, Lucas Lee Gordon, Marli Ann Cummings, Kelsie Dawn Heath, Justin Mathew Goodine.

30 years ago: At the Town Meeting, Bethel voters appropriated \$559,912 for town business in fiscal 1987.

Ground was broken for the new Woodstock Elementary School on Rumford Avenue in Bryant Pond.

Births: Hannah Marie Smith, Benjamin James Bailey.

40 years ago: Student speakers at Telstar's commencement exercises were Claire Morgan, Valectorian; Susan MacKay, Salutatorian; and Leilani Poland, Honor Essay.

Cub Scouts from five Packs assembled on the Gould Academy Athletic Field for a field day and round-up time.

Births: Sarah Elizabeth Coolidge, John Lucas Gray, Jennifer Lynn Mason, Joshua Aaron Otten.

50 years ago: Callahan Bros. was awarded the contract to construct the new bridge over the Androscoggin. Their bid was \$431,194.55.

The Bethel Savings Bank was designated "Official Expo 87 Information Center and Passport Sales Agent."

Birth: Paula Jane Morton.

Death: Rodney S. Linnell.

60 years ago: Steam locomotives ended 105 years of service on the Grand Trunk System when diesels took over the operation of passenger train on June 15.

Death: Mrs. Joan Stearns Kilborn.

70 years ago: Donald Christie of Buckfield was elected school superintendent of the Bethel Union.

Mrs. A. Van Den Kerckhoven bought the Dr. H.M. Wilson house.

Death: Albert M. Moulton.

80 years ago: The town of Bethel voted \$6500 for the purchase of a pumper for fire protection.

Thomas Green of Locke's Mills purchased the Snow Falls Inn, West Paris, from H.N. Bragdon.

Death: Mrs. Charles D. Bean.

90 years ago: An A&P truck heavily loaded with groceries went through the bridge over Wild River in Gilead. The driver was uninjured.

Leslie Noyes purchased the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Swan at East Bethel.

Deaths: Carney Daniels, Nelson A. Chamberlain.

110 years ago: The annual meeting of the Riverside Cemetery Association was held at H.C. Barker's place of business.

Two new automobiles arrived in town. A Reo touring car belonging to F.L. Edwards, and a Maxwell runabout owned by Herick Brothers.

CORRECTION

NAME SPELLING: A name in last week's column should have been spelled as Caroline Gould.

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Vote

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VOTER #1—When the polls in Newry opened Tuesday at 8 a.m., Gall Wight was the first to cast her ballot. At left are ballot clerks Tama Drown and Joyce Roma. *A. Aloisio*

nity to vote on something regarding the withdrawal issue. He has said he personally opposes withdrawal.

Largess said Tuesday, "I'm happy to see Newry voters get a chance to be heard, it's clear from the results that the overwhelming majority are not happy with the current arrangement with SAD 44 and are looking for options. I am hopeful that the refunding committee can come up with an option that works for the majority and most importantly provides our students, who want it, great educational opportunities."

SAD 44 School Director Marcel Polak, who chairs the district committee that negotiated with the NWC, said Wednesday, "I speak for myself, in saying that I will continue to vigorously defend against any efforts to negatively impact any of our students' education, including those from Newry."

SAD 44 Supt. Dave Murphy also commented on the result: "Last night's vote in Newry made it clear that the voters in that town would like to see the withdrawal process continue. At the same time, the cost-sharing committee will continue to meet to discuss possible changes to the current funding formula."

To date Newry has spent most of the \$50,000 voters approved in 2014 for withdrawal process costs, while SAD 44 has spent about the same amount, according to Murphy.

Newry had two other ballot questions Tuesday, both of which were approved.

By 126-27, voters approved amendments to the Fire Department Ordinance, including changing the term of chief from two years to one year, having one assistant chief instead of two, and adding the

position of captain. The amendments make the ordinance line up with the department's bylaws.

By 134-16, residents approved swapping land at the Head of Tide Cemetery with an abutting landowner, because currently some graves are on the adjacent land.

BETHEL

Bethel voters elected newcomer Andy Whitney to the Board of Selectmen, ousting long-time board member Stan Howe. Incumbent Don Bennett was re-elected. The vote tally was Whitney 305, Bennett 301 and Howe 234.

Howe and David Luxton were re-elected unopposed as assessors, as were incumbent SAD 44 Directors Elaine Cross and Carol Everett.

SCHOOL VOTES

SAD 44 voters gave final approval to the school budget by a total tally of 546 to 288, according to Murphy. Newry narrowly opposed it, 72-79. The Town of Andover also gave final approval to its school budget, 107-95, according to town officials.

CROCKETT WINS PROBATE NOMINATION

In the Republican primary for Oxford County judge of probate, Bethel lawyer Jarrod Crockett won the nomination, defeating Norway lawyer Ted Dilworth, according to unofficial results. As of 10:30 p.m. Tuesday the vote was 670-275. In Crockett's hometown he won 191-40.

Crockett would face Jennifer Kreckel in November, who is running unopposed as the Democratic nominee. Whoever wins at the November vote will replace Dana Hanley, who is retiring from the position.

Return labels on withdrawal mailings create sticky situation in Newry

By ALISON ALOISIO

A late-hour controversy developed Monday regarding mailings sent out last week that included a statement from the Newry Withdrawal Committee.

The statement, which argued against stopping the withdrawal process, had been discussed publicly at the May 10 NWC meeting, and was made available at the May 17 public hearing on the withdrawal question. The issue was voted upon Tuesday (see related story).

The NWC also made plans to mail the statement to residents before the vote. NWC Chairman Jim Sysko said he requested mailing costs be covered by the town, but that was denied.

He said a group of eight people met last week to stuff envelopes for a private mailing.

But on Monday, the Citizen was contacted by Newry resident Fred Call, who said his household had received the NWC statement with a return address that was a mailing label for Steve Wight. Wight has spoken in opposition to withdrawal and to continuing the withdrawal process. Call provided a photo of the envelope.

Call also said that the name of his wife, Amy, had been used in a return address for another envelope, mailed to another Newry resident.

Sysko was asked about the envelopes Monday.

"We didn't plan to put return addresses

on the envelopes, only a mailing address," he said. "We used peel and stick address labels I got [bought] from the Town Office ... We had eight people stuffing 150 envelopes. I handed a bag full to the person at the Newry Post Office and didn't notice any return addresses."

Sysko said Tuesday that the group stuffing the envelopes included himself and NWC member William Andrews, who wrote the statement last month, along with six volunteers.

Sysko said someone in the group - he said he didn't recall who - made a comment to the effect that it would be funny to add a return address of an anti-withdrawal resident to an envelope going to another anti-withdrawal resident.

Sysko said that had he thought the person was serious, "I would have checked the envelopes. In hindsight, I would have made sure it didn't happen. It's something I would have done differently."

Sysko said they were mailed June 7. Wight said one of his relatives received a letter with Amy Call's name in the return address. He said he did not receive the statement.

Town Administrator Amy Bernard said Tuesday the NWC had requested town funding for the mailing, but she said the request would have had to go to the selectmen.

The other members of the NWC are Selectman Gary Wight and SAD 44 Director Bonnie Largess.

Newry

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Bernard said at last week's board meeting that the town is currently so cash strapped that it could not pay its SAD 44 monthly bills.

Newry owes for the May and June payments of \$257,076 each, she said, and will pay them in July

along with that month's payment.

"We are very poor," she told selectmen.

She said the town was down to between \$40,000 and \$50,000 in the operating expenses account.

The problem also delayed the start of work

on a Sunday River Road improvement project this year, she said.

The fiscal year change will be addressed in a letter to taxpayers with the next upcoming annual tax bill, expected to go out late this month or in early July.

Briefly

Bike Trek starts Friday

NEWRY—The 32nd annual Trek Across Maine will depart from Sunday River Resort, Friday, June 17, beginning at 7 a.m. It will include 2,000 participants and 750 volunteers. The three-day, 180 mile cycling tour from the mountains of Sunday to the sea of Belfast is expected to raise \$1.65 million. This year, for the first time, cyclists have the option of riding a 2-day, 97 mile route option beginning at Colby College, which was added to encourage a broader range of participants, including children as young as 7 years old. The annual event has raised more than \$24 million to date. All proceeds from the Trek Across Maine directly fund lung disease research, advocacy, and education; including COPD/asthma management, smoking cessation programs, and advocacy for stronger clean air standards.

We have a right to know. Say NO to the fast track!



How will a wind farm effect you?
How will it impact the environment?
How will it impact your property values?
Will it effect your quality of life?
Do you want the same level of public review that the Woodstock Wind Project had to go through?

Currently, Milton Township is in an expedited fast track mode that will eliminate some layers of the beneficial public review that the Woodstock Wind Project had to go through.

We want to see Milton Township removed from the fast track process of wind development so that we can learn more details about the proposal and to be able to fully review and comment. Only very few of us know that this may be happening, and we have no details. It has been kept a secret and all we are asking is a RIGHT TO KNOW.

Write or E-mail BEFORE June 29, 2016:

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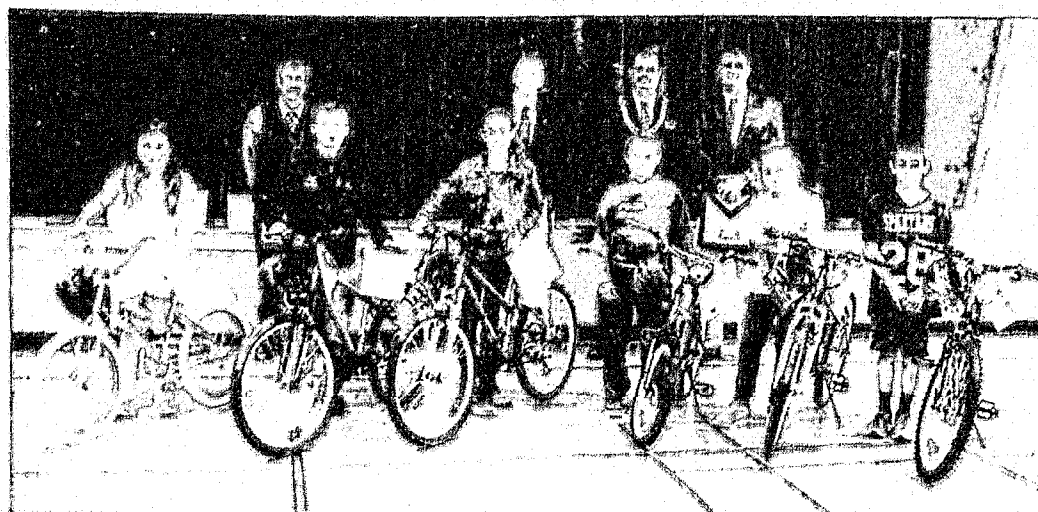
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Bikes

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MASON BIKE WINNERS-Students, from left: Lyla Levesque (Grade 3) Oliver Barrett (Grade 5) Chelsea Duclos (Grade 5) Nathan Clarey (Grade 3) Rebeka Palmer (Grade 4) Gavinn Martin (Grade 4). Masons: William McAloney, Gerald Martin, Lloyd W. Sweetser, and Todd A. Davis.

classmate Ethan Hart.

The next day, Oliver explained that he knew before the drawing that if he won, "I wanted to give it to someone without a bike."

He had received a new bike for his birthday about six months ago, he said.

Leading up to the drawing, Ethan said, "I asked him if I could have it."

Ethan has been without a bike since last year, after his developed serious problems - a broken chain, bent handle bars and a flat tire.

The two boys sat next to each other on the CPS gym floor, waiting for the drawing.

"To my surprise, I won," said Oliver.

So when he wheeled the bike back across the CPS gym to where he had been sitting with Ethan, he told him, "It's yours."

"We hugged," said Ethan.

It didn't take Ethan long to start enjoying his classmate's gift.

"I rode the bike all night," he said.

MORE ON THE PROGRAM

Before the bike drawing, Mason Lloyd

Sweetser told the CPS assembly about the Bikes for Books program.

He said that this year approximately 90 Masonic Lodges throughout Maine will present nearly 1,500 bicycles to elementary and middle school children participating in reading programs in local schools and public libraries.

"Evidence shows that schools participating in the program are witnessing improved reading scores among their students. Books also enlighten, inspire, bring happiness and success, challenge our perspectives and provide comfort at difficult times in our lives."

"It's essential to establish a love for reading early in life. Towards that end, Masons in Maine are happy to bring the Masonic Bikes for Books program to students throughout Maine's elementary and middle schools. The objectives of the program are threefold: to increase student reading and comprehension skills; to recognize positive student achievements; and to provide an attainable goal, with life enhancing results."

Grads

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pens, "It'll be because you did it for yourself..."

Co-valetorian Becca Howard talked about change, saying her classmates were well equipped to face it.

Having seven principals over their school careers, she said, helped teach the class members to adapt.

She also took classmates through a review of their progression through school, including arriving as freshmen and making choices of classes, sports and extracurricular activities, and then moving on to other choices and challenges in upper classes.

"We know how to adapt to the changes that life brings," she said. "... We began high school as children, and we're leaving as adults."

Cassidy Smith, third honors, also looked back on the years at Telstar, often with humor.

"It was here we made some of our best friends... It was here many found love for the first time, for the second time, or the third time," she said.

Smith said she did not have advice to offer on the key to success in life.

"In all honesty, what do I know? I don't even have my diploma yet," she said.

But, she noted to laughter, "I did read online that people who wear mismatched socks are much more likely to be happier and more successful later on in life."

On a more serious note, Smith did have a suggestion for classmates on how to be successful when they encounter difficult situations in the future.

"You can't always change the situation, but you can always change how you look at it," she said.

Smith concluded the graduates should "be proud of what we've done, and of our accomplishments. And don't forget who helped us along the way."

The top scholar speeches were followed by the class song, "Humble and Kind,"

by Tim McGraw, School Board congratulatory remarks by board Chair Lainey Cross, and the Certification of Graduates by Superintendent David Murphy, Ed.D.

Lang and Dean of Students Kristin Dacko then presented the diplomas.

Class Co-President John Walker followed with a message to graduates.

"It seems like yesterday we were scared little fifth-graders coming to middle school for Step Up Day," he said. "We're all feeling those scared little fifth-grade feelings again - but this time it's for the real world, not the sixth grade."

But he advised the class not to worry, to remember the good things about high school and to look forward to what the future brings. "When you march down that aisle, a new chapter in your life begins... you have the opportunity to make these chapters better than any other before."

"Have a fantastic future, Telstar Class of 2016."

Telstar Middle School Principal Mark Kenney closed the Commencement, asking the class members to have pride in their graduation, in the community and families who supported them, and in their academic achievements.

But most importantly, he said, "Have pride in the person you've become."

After the ceremony graduates went off to Oxford and the Portland area for Project Graduation activities, returning in the morning for breakfast at the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post in Locke's Mills.

(Note: In what ended up being a variation on an annual tradition of the grads handing the principal a small item as she gave out the diplomas, this year's class forgot to bring the items, school officials said. The class intended to give Lang bug repellent wrist bands for an outdoor ceremony. When Lang returned to school Monday morning, she found them all over her office.)

Notes from the Gilead selectmen's meeting

June 8, 2016

The Board of Selectmen met at 6 p.m. at the Town Office on June 8. Officers present were: Jeremy Morin, Steve McLain, Alfred Leighton; Linsley Chapman Town Clerk/Treasurer/Registrar of Voters; Tax Collector/Admin. Asst., Judy Perrille. Members of the Public present: Lise McLain, David Luxton

Treasurer Warrants were reviewed. May Wrap-Up Warrant 5A: Vote: Moved and seconded to accept.

All three selectmen voted in favor. June Warrant 6: Vote: Moved and seconded to accept. All three selectmen voted in favor.

Discussion Regarding: School Budget for FY2017 Result: Selectmen reviewed the warrant for the special meeting to vote on the school budget. Vote:

Moved and seconded to accept the warrant and approve the date of June 22. All three selectmen voted in favor. (After the school budget is approved, all the information can be sent to John O'Donnell Associates to begin the process to produce the 2016 Real Estate taxes)

Discussion Regarding: Old road near Bethel/Gilead town line. Result: Lise McLain and David Luxton attended the meeting to follow up on what was to happen to the land left in front of their residences when Route 2 was moved a few years ago. They had attended the May meeting. Selectman Leighton reported on the information that he had gathered from the DOT. Mr. Luxton presented paperwork from Bethel since he had a similar situation with lands he owns in Bethel. Select-

man Leighton was going to follow up with Bethel.

Discussion Regarding: Repair of windows in Town Hall. Result: The Town Clerk extended thanks to Selectman Morin for his quick action in repairing the window in the front of the Town Hall. This action has made it safe for anyone entering the hall through the front door. This is also a 'band-aid' fix because there is a lot more work that needs to be done to the hall. A plan was discussed on raising enough funds next year to start the necessary repairs that need to be done to the hall. This is an old building that needs to be preserved.

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m. Vote: All three selectmen voted in favor.

(Linsley Chapman, Town Clerk/Treasurer, is writer of these notes.)

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

From the TWISI archives: My friend Lesley and I were chatting recently as friends are apt to do. We covered a multitude of things from world issues to not having the time to do the things we'd like to do.

"Don't get me wrong," said Lesley. "I love my husband and family, but I wish they would all go away for a week just so I can get caught up on all the paperwork I have to do."

"I know exactly what you mean," I responded. "If I could have a full week without my husband and no interruptions, I think I could actually get caught up on all my housework and for once have a clean house."

We both sighed over such fantasy. And then we both sighed again as we wondered just when our fantasies became so mundane.

Later that day I was in a bank and I overheard a couple of the 20-something tellers talking. "My dream is to spend a week alone with my husband on a tropical island. No kids, no telephone. Just Bob and me, the sea and the surf," said one starry-eyed teller.

"That would be wonderful," responded the other teller. "But, I'd like a week with unlimited funds to go shopping in Boston or New York."

I'm sure that once upon a time I had fantasies of

romance in exotic places or whirlwind shopping sprees and now I just want to clean my house. What on earth has happened to me?

I guess my fantasies and priorities have changed a great deal over the years. Now I wonder if I have become old and boring or if the realities of life have slapped me around for so many years that I've become simple minded.

Being simple minded

I guess my fantasies and priorities have changed a great deal over the years.

isn't all that bad though. I remember many years ago being very pleased with myself and quite excited because I saved enough money to buy a really nice dress that I wanted. The other day I did a happy dance because I managed to unclog the kitchen sink. Same pleasure, but a lot less expensive.

My husband and I used to talk about how nice it would be to go to New York and see an honest-to-goodness Broadway play. Now we're both pretty happy when we see a mov-

ie that we both enjoyed.

When my kids were little I used to love going through various cookbooks and creating interesting gourmet meals. For the kids I would make desserts worthy of a picture in Better Homes and Gardens. Now I'm quite content to microwave leftover macaroni and cheese and have a candy bar for dessert.

Whenever my husband and I see a television commercial for a weekend in Las Vegas, Henry will ask if Vegas holds any interest for me. I always say 'no' and then we'll get a few scratch tickets and hope to win more than the price of the tickets.

Boy, I guess I really am getting old and boring. It's a pretty sad commentary when I've reached the point in my life when a couple of DVD movies hold more interest for me than a Vegas weekend or a romantic vacation on a tropical island.

I think I should start working on more interesting fantasies and doing more interesting things. But still, the way I see it a full week without my husband and no interruptions to clean my house would be like a dream come true. Either that or winning the services of a cleaning company to come in while my husband and I were on a romantic vacation on a tropical island.

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Bethel

By DON BENNETT



Veterans Park meeting

Wednesday evening Veterans Park committee members met at the town office. Meeting produced two important votes: (1) names of all veterans will be shown on tablets erected at the park and (2) there will be two entrances - one from Mechanic Street and one from Main Street. Pathways from the entrances will be laid from the street entrances to a center flag pole. Besides the committee members Selectman Don Bennett and Jarrod Crockett attended the meeting.

Inside the "All New" Good Food Store

After renovations and remodeling, the Good Food Store layout is larger, lighter and better organized. With the sales counter up front new and old shoppers can ask questions up front. Overall the store presents a much more open, lighter image.

The Smoking Good BBQ - Into Its 10th Year

The now internationally known BBQ at the Good Food Store celebrates its 10th birthday this summer. Recently a second serving window has been added along with hundreds of travel stickers. While waiting to order or making up your mind, there are hundreds of stickers from all over to read.

New House on Sunset Drive

New house construction is in progress where John and Arlene Greenleaf's house stood. I remember when their house was built - in the late 1940s or early 1950s by Stanley Brown. Mr. Brown was a member of the Brown-Citizen Family (or Citizen-Brown family, whatever, which I did not know at the time) and had just returned from Alaska. He graduated from Gould in 1936. For many years during that period of Bethel history a number of families and individuals made trips to Alaska. In the late 1970s one of the Rotary Club meeting's guest speakers was a fellow from Bethel, Alaska. In those days the Rotary met at the Sudbury Inn.

Cross Excavation office building in place. At the large Cross Excavation facility in West Bethel, former Kendall Dowel Mill complex, a new building has been added. Last summer I learned that the company planned to move its office from Mayville to this site. The new building will be used to house their office.

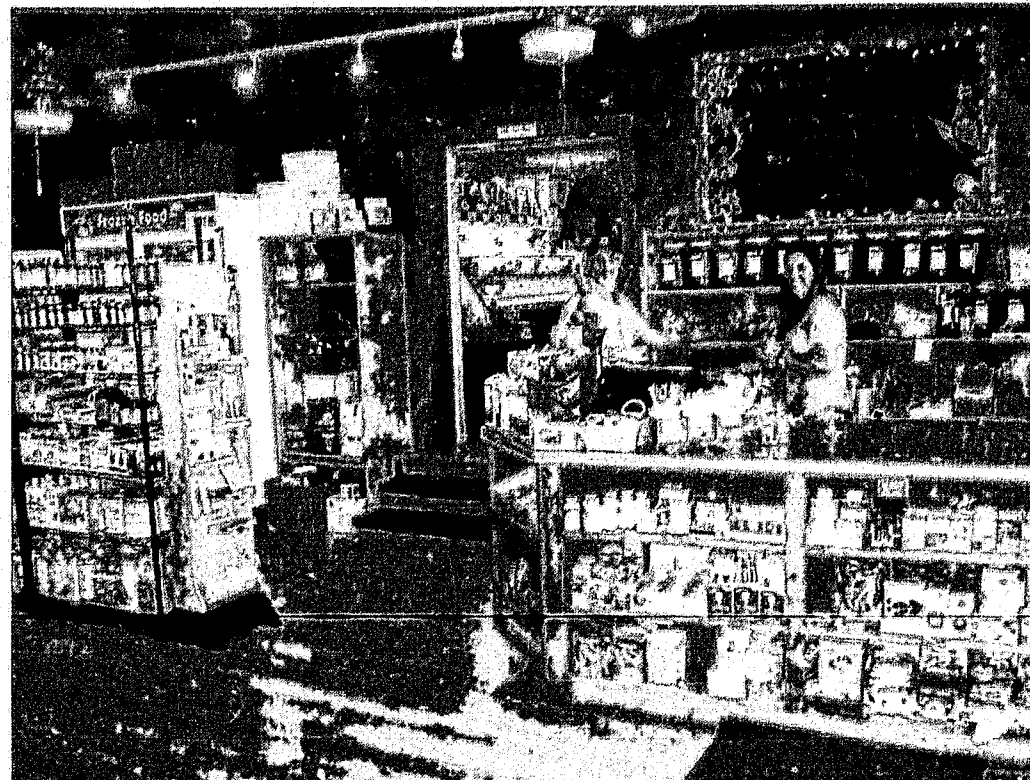
1985 - A Railroadiana Museum

July 1985 Ed Quinn had sold his Steam Era Railroadiana Museum collection to the Robert and Annie Crockett Foundation; the new owners opened in the former A&P building on Railroad Street with volunteer staff. The Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce had helped in securing this location for a temporary stay. The Bethel Area Health Center was going to take over the building after October 1. Ed Quinn's collection consisted of 140 years' worth of Grand Trunk Railroad memorabilia.

Two Lewiston Sun articles appeared only a week apart - one written by Jane Chandler, then a staff writer. Jane cites Rick Whitney as the backbone of the effort to find a Bethel village home for the museum along with Jim Delamater, manager of the Bethel Savings Bank.

Visiting the Railroadiana museum at his home on the Bog Road in Gilead included Ed's stories about his many museum items which were part of every tour. One story was about the smoke stack from an old locomotive in his collection. The engine it came from had been involved in a wreck. Ed was manager/supervisor of a track maintenance crew and one day he had found the stack at a work site.

Part of the attraction of this museum in its new location would be that Ed would drop by regularly. The museum relocated after October '85 to the former



BETHEL BUSINESS IMPROVEMENTS- Above, the newly remodeled Good Food Store shopping and cash out areas. Below, a new building is in place at the West Bethel Cross Excavation facility, where the company office will be located. For more see Bethel column.

D. Bennett

From the OCSD

Patrol Log

Sunday, June 5

At 3:46 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to Greenwood for a report of a domestic incident. A female subject was taken into custody for domestic violence assault.

At 8:25 p.m. Deputy Nathan Bowie requested MDOT be notified of several trees down along Route 26 from Grafton to Upton.

Monday, June 6

At 3:41 p.m. a report was received of a harassment order in Woodstock. A summons was to be served.

Tuesday, June 7

At 5:32 p.m. a report was received of a theft on Main Street in Bethel. Deputy Matt McDonnell contacted the complainant.

At 8:35 a.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to the Gilead Road in Gilead for a report of criminal mischief. A vandalized mailbox was observed.

At 10:08 p.m. Deputy Steve Witham, State Police, the Bethel and Newry fire departments and Bethel Rescue responded to a reported structure fire on the Intervale Road in Bethel. It was found a sauna was on fire.

Thursday, June 9

At 12:03 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown received a referral regarding possible child abuse in Bethel.

At 1:07 p.m. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris responded and assisted the Fire Department with a tree down across the North Road in Bethel.

At 5:17 p.m. Sgt. Tim Ontengco and Deputy Josh Aylward, Bethel Rescue, the Bethel Fire Department and the Maine Warden Service responded to a report of a capsized canoe on Songo Pond in Albany. After being in the water for close to an hour, two subjects were brought to shore with the assistance of a passerby.

At 10:38 p.m. on the West Bethel Road Deputy Josh Aylward stopped a vehicle for a loud exhaust. It was found the driver was suspended. Kevin Goodrich, 21, of Bethel was charged with operating after suspension.

Friday, June 10

At 7:05 a.m. a subject reported vandalism to his property off Vista Road in Newry. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris was assigned.

At 1:59 p.m. a report was received of a theft several weeks ago of tires and rims from property on South Main Street in Woodstock. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris was assigned.

Sunday, June 12

At 11:23 a.m. Deputy Mike Fitzmorris responded to reports of an assault on Gilead Road in Gilead. An investigation was conducted and a male subject was summonsed.

mer Central Service Bowling Alley (Charlie's Pizzeria) and for a while, Whitney's The Shop building on Main Street. The Lewiston Daily Sun ran these articles on July 20 and 27, 1985.

It Happened in June Sunday afternoon, June 28, 2009, a Hale and Farewell reception hosted by the Bethel Selectmen at Stan Howe's home to honor departing Town Manager Scott Cole and welcome arriving Town Manager, Jim Doar and his family, had to move from porch to barn due to weather threats. Strawberry shortcake, cake and whipped cream and homemade fruit punch more than offset the dreary weather.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ



These last few days have been quite on the chilly side. I even resorted to starting

up the furnace a couple of times.

Again a senseless shooting took place and my heart is breaking for the families of the 50 victims.

On a brighter side, congratulations to Connor Aube, his proud parents, and grandparents Linda and Neil Olson. Connor is one of the finalists for the title of "Mr. Baseball" to be chosen later in the month. Good luck and best wishes. The neighborhood is root-

ing for you, Connor. Please, call me anytime at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com.

Here is the new Trivia question: In March 1936, why were there no trains for two days between east of Bethel Station and Skillingston?

Alder River Grange held a regular meeting on June 10. Election of officers was the main business with the following results: Master: Ruby Bryant; Overseer: James Haines; Lecturer: Ruby Bryant; Steward: Alvin Stevens; Assistant Steward: Nina Mollicone; LA Steward: Diane

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The Grange did very well with the Memorial Day Weekend Yard Sale. Have a great week.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL



Friday night Gerry, Ginger and I drove over on Route 2 to Fairfield to my daughter Sarah's house for dinner, music on the common and some great wine from Meridian's. It's a pretty ride of two hours through some old Maine towns, farmland, and beautiful Colonial houses and barns.

We had been invited over to attend a fair called Farm & Homestead Day at MOFGA. Some of you might know that MOFGA stands for the Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association. The website states that it "formed in 1971 and is the oldest and largest organic organization in the country." Their Mission: "The purpose of the Association is to help farmers and gardeners: grow organic food, fiber and other crops; protect the environment; recycle natural resources; increase local food production; support rural communities; and illuminate for consumers the connection between healthful food and environmentally sound farming practices."

When I was young I learned many of the concepts of organic gardening and practiced the techniques professed by the early teachers. You may

have heard of the Common Ground Fair which turns 39 years old this year. It started in September 1977 and I didn't go as my first child was born Aug. 17 that year and with a 3-week-old baby, I wasn't up for walking around a fair.

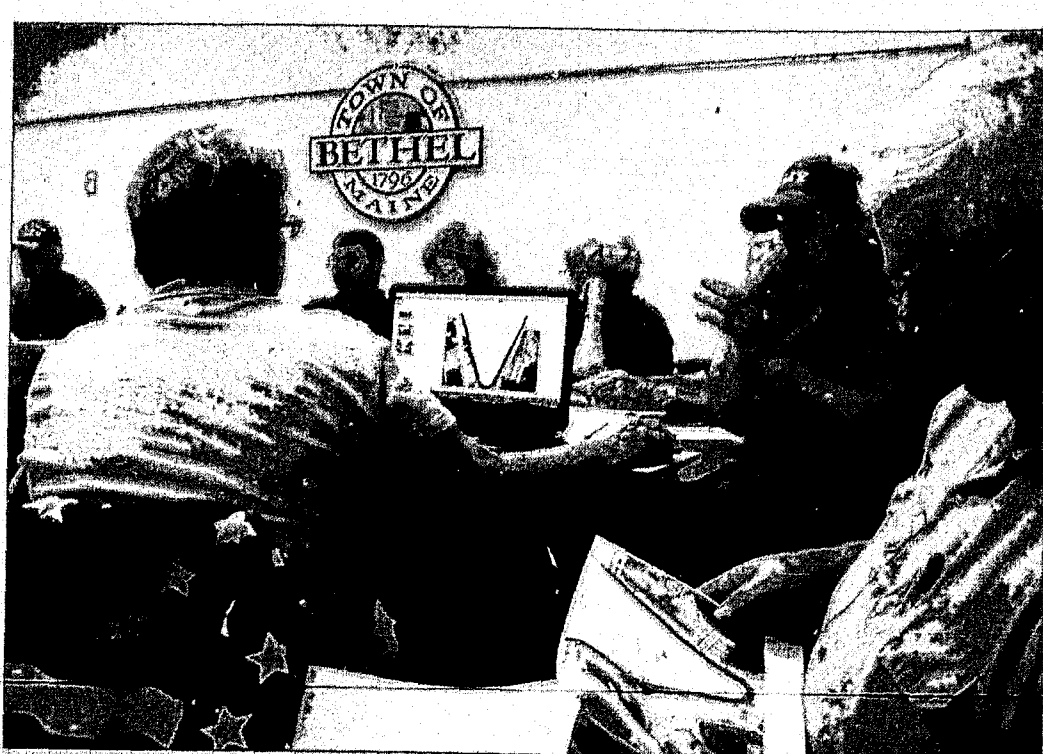
Back to Saturday's fair... this was a much smaller group with no long lines, but the same wonderful feeling of friendship and cooperation as the bigger fair. There were 40 workshops at the Farm & Homestead Day and we all went in different directions depending on our interests. There were many volunteers making bread, bean-hole beans, stone soup, etc.

Breakfast and lunch were free as was the whole fair. Tea and crumpets and jam were offered to anyone hungry at breakfast time. Lunch happened exactly at noon and there were three separate lines. The first line was for all vegan, and ovo free foods, there were tables with meat, and vegetarian tables with gluten free foods. Many people arrived with food that had been prepared at home and as I said many foods were made at the fair.

Sarah surprised me when she volunteered to butcher a rabbit. We saw people learning to work with mini horses, rearing dairy goats, and tanning rabbit hides. Making bread and butter was a favorite with the children. There was a plant swap where everyone brought some and took away some. I got some beautiful perennial and annual herbs and some interesting bearded irises. Two ladies brought flowers and greens and taught others to make flower crowns. I liked the herbal play dough with lavender oil and lavender flowers. There were workshops on making scarecrows and needle felting as well as learning to spin and weave.

I could go on but must tell you that I've always wanted to learn to make a

fire using a bow drill and was able to do a hands-on demonstration. I learned how to wind the spindle around the bowstring then use a handhold pushing pressure downward on the spindle as I sawed the bow back and forth creating friction on the fireboard which was under my left foot. After a couple minutes of sawing back and forth, I saw a tiny bit of smoke under the spindle. I was told to throw down the bow and spindle and take the little ember from the fireboard. Next I put the ember into the bird's nest of fibers and held it at a 45 degree angle. I blew on the ember in the fibers and eventually a flame appeared. I felt afraid that I'd get burned as the fire felt hot on the palm of my hands. My teacher took the fibers from me and I continued to blow on it until a flame appeared. What a rewarding feeling I had when the flame appeared.



PLANNING FOR THE VETERANS' PARK-Much of last week's meeting regarding plans for a Veterans' Park in Bethel centered on viewing and discussing paths, fencing, flag pole, entrance openings, tablets and structures photos from other memorial parks. There will be two entrances: Main Street and Mechanic Street. For more, see Bethel column. Here, Craig Ryerson (second from right) speaks on the issue. In foreground right is Selectman Don Bennett.

Greenwood selectmen's meeting minutes

May 17, 2016

1. Open Meeting - Chair Henderson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm with Selectman Arnold Jordan, Selectman Amy Chapman, Town Manager Kimberly Sparks, and Deputy Clerk Angela Lovejoy in attendance.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - Recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Warrants - It was motioned and seconded to accept Warrant #46 (\$105,389.70), and Warrant #47 (\$18,635.21). Motion passed 3-0.
4. Minutes - It was motioned and seconded to accept the minutes of May 3, 2016 as written. Motion passed 3-0.
5. Comments from the Public - No one attended. Selectman Jordan said Steve Seames had contacted him about repairing veteran's grave stones in Greenwood cemeteries. Town Manager Sparks said she saw Seames' comments on Facebook. She said he was not aware that the Town had hired Don Feeney to repair the stones.
6. Hicks Pond Dam - Town Manager Sparks mentioned that Road Foreman Alan Seames said his records showed that the State owned the dam. But, Sparks said, the State says the Town owns it. She said former Town Clerk Phyllis Coolidge and former Town Manager Carol Whitman had both filled out paperwork saying the Town owned it. If the paperwork was not filled out yearly State law said the dam would revert back to the State. She said she had not done any paperwork on the dam and she would research the issue.
7. MSAD#44 Notice of Election - The Board reviewed and signed the notice.
8. Discuss Waiver of Excise Tax for a Disabled Resident - Town Manager Sparks said a resident in Town who had a 100% disabled family member was asking for a waiver of excise tax on a year 2015 van that was to be equipped for the disabled

resident. Chair Henderson asked if there was a financial hardship reason to give the waiver. Sparks said she was not sure - the resident had not indicated that there was one. Selectman Jordan said he thought giving a waiver might "open a can of worms". He said the Board did not know how many other disabled (including elderly) people there were in town who might have already paid excise tax (that might want a refund). Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Chapman seconded to deny the request for waiver of excise tax. Motion passed 3-0.

9. Review MMA Nomination to the Legislative Policy Committee - The Board did not know anyone who would want to serve on the committee and therefore did not nominate anyone.
10. Preliminary 2017 State Valuation - Town Manager Sparks passed out copies for the Board to review. She said the State liked to see the ratio at 100%. The average ratio for Greenwood was currently 113%. Chair Henderson mentioned he read that waterfront values went down while inland values went up. Selectman Chapman said that was part of why Greenwood needed a revaluation.
11. Letter Regarding Bird Hill Road - Town Manager Sparks passed out copies of a letter from Perry and Sharon Risley who live in the Bethel section of Bird Hill. She said the couple was going to see the County Commissioners regarding the condition of the Greenwood section of the road last spring. She said she had spoken to Scott Cole about the issue. Chair Henderson said he drove up the road and saw many valuable houses up there (that would generate tax dollars). He said he thought Bethel could afford to put money into the road. He asked Sparks to find out how much value the Town of Bethel had on Bird Hill (all property access would be through Greenwood's

1200 feet of road in question). He said he suspected the amount would be quite high. Henderson said the situation was an unusual one but it was clear that Bethel had most of the value on Bird Hill and made use of the 1200 foot section of road in question the most. Selectman Jordan mentioned that if the Town had voted to put \$50,000 into the road it would have put the budget over tax cap. Henderson said it seemed like the Town of Bethel should help with improvements to the road.

12. Executive Session - Selectman Jordan motioned and Selectman Chapman seconded to go into Executive Session per 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) for a personnel issue. Motion passed 3-0. It was motioned and seconded to come out of Executive Session at 5:45 p.m. No decisions were made.
13. Meetings and Events - Town Manager Sparks mentioned the following meetings and events: May 19, 2016 Age Friendly Reception from 5pm - 7pm at the Bethel Alliance Church; May 21, 2016 Annual Town Meeting at 9am at the Legion Hall; May 25, 2016 Oxford County Municipal Officer's Association meeting at 6pm at the Porter Town Hall; May 27, 2016 Fish Fry from 3pm-7pm at the Locke's Mills Fire Station; May 31, 2016 MSAD Budget Hearing at 6pm at Telstar; June 1, 2016 Heart N Soul Training in Bethel all day; June 1, 2016 Historical Society Program at 7pm at the Greenwood Town Hall; June 2, 2016 Bethel Area Nonprofit Collaboration meeting at 3pm (location to be announced); June 3, 2016 Fish Fry from 3pm-7pm at the Locke's Mills Fire Station; June 6, 2016 Planning Board meeting at 7pm at the Town Office; and June 7, 2016 Selectboard meeting at 5pm at the Town Office.
14. Adjourn - It was motioned and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion passed 3-0.

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Locke's Mills

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN



If you've been thinking about creating a float for the parade that will take place on Saturday, Aug. 13 during Greenwood's Bicentennial celebration, now is the time to make plans. Town Manager Kim Sparks said that the deadline to register to be in the parade is Friday, July 8. This is due to the fact that the town is required to submit a list of participants to our insurance company well in advance of the parade.

So get together with your family, business, organization, or neighborhood and let Kim know that you plan to enter a float in the parade. Blaine Mills says that the parade that was held 25 years ago to celebrate Greenwood's 175th anniversary included floats from almost every neighborhood in town. Come on, residents of Greenwood City, Richardson Hollow, Shadagee, Young Hill, Howe Hill, and all the other neighborhoods - let's make it the best parade Greenwood has ever seen!

An auction and sale will be held on Saturday, July 9 at the Legion Hall on the Gore Road, with proceeds to benefit the Bicentennial Celebration. The Bicentennial Committee is seeking donations of new or used items in good condition, so keep them in mind when you're cleaning out those closets and attics. Members will be happy to pick items up if needed. Give the Town Office a call at 875-2773 to donate and/or arrange for pick-up.

Maine Line Products is getting into the spirit of the Bicentennial! Be sure to stop by the store in Locke's Mills to see their display of old photos and narrative of the history of the store's location, from its early days as a small gas station through its decades as a grocery store. In my early memories, it was Hathaway's Country Store, with a full-service butcher shop made famous by Willy Hathaway's skill as a meat cutter, but my mother remembered its days as an Esso station with a service bay for car repairs.

Maine Line Products will be serving free hot fudge sundaes from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Aug. 13, as well as free tastes of the official Bicentennial fudge flavor, blueberry cheesecake. Mountain Mowing &

More, located in the same building, will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the fixings in the parking lot that day, and both businesses will have floats in the parade.

In the process of spring cleaning, the staff at the Bethel Citizen ran across some boxes of Calista Morgan's book, Pond Reflections, a compilation of 52 of her Greenwood City columns, chosen from the hundreds of columns she wrote for the paper over the years. The newspaper has generously donated many of them to the Greenwood Historical Society, which has them available for sale at the Society's building and at the Greenwood Town Office. The price is \$9, and proceeds from books sold before the weekend of the Bicentennial will benefit the celebration.

Congratulations to all the graduates of the Class of 2016! Tony and I had both a niece and a great-niece in Telstar's graduating class. It seems hard to believe they're all grown up.

A reminder that there will be a memorial service for Eleanor Inman this Saturday at 11 a.m. at the First Universalist Church of West Paris, with a reception to follow at the West Paris Historical Society across the street.

Don't forget to contact me with your local news, by e-mail to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com or by phone at 875-5511.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



Remember the Woodstock High School Alumni Banquet on Saturday, June 18 at 6 p.m. at the Masonic Hall in Bryant Pond. Classes to be honored are 1946, 1956, 1966 and Telstar seniors from Woodstock and Greenwood. Scholarships will be presented at this meeting.

Franklin Grange #124 will meet on Monday, June 20 at the Grange Hall for election of officers, and the Carrot Cake Contest will also take place.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School for all ages at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. is Mid-Week Service; also Bloom for Girls. Sunday, June 19 dads will be honored. All dads welcome.

Sunday, July 10 will be fellowship Sunday style service. Guest preacher will be Larry Strout.



ANDOVER CONCERT SERIES-Seth Gallant, Anna Sysko and Brad Croteau will be joining The Acoustipallians at the second concert of the Andover Summer Concert Series on June 17 at the bandstand in the center of Andover on Route 5. The concert, billed as "Seth, Brad, & Anna with The Acoustipallians" will include country influenced folk, blues, and '70s classics. The outdoor concert is free with donations appreciated and will only happen if weather permits. Concert starts at 6 p.m. For more info call Ross at 207-392-2572 or check out the Facebook page, Andover Summer Concert Series.

Submitted photo

Andover

By JANE RICH



Town Office hours DO NOT change until July 1 when Wednesday hours will be from noon until 5 p.m., same amount of hours, they just begin one hour sooner and end one hour earlier. The hours have been set by the Town Clerk by authority of State Statutes.

The next concert on the common in the Andover Summer Series will be tomorrow evening, June 17, beginning at 6 p.m. Seth Gallant, Anna Sysko and Brad Croteau will be joining The Acoustipallians for a concert including country-influenced folk, blues, and '70s classics. This concert is free with donations appreciated and will only happen if weather permits. For more info, call Ross at 207-392-2572 or check out the Facebook page, Andover Summer Concert Series. Bring your lawn chair and bug spray.

Olde Home Day T-shirts are on sale in local stores. For the minimal sum of \$12 you can have a new shirt and support the activities of Olde Home weekend which this year is, as usual, the first weekend in August.

This Saturday, June 18, the Roxbury ATV Riders Club will be sponsoring the Special Friends Ride-In. They need ATVs with seats as this ride gets bigger every year. I assume the ride start will take place at the Roxbury ATV Park and Ride site on the Roxbury Notch Road. Two meetings of local

importance in the near future are the Library Trustees who will meet on June 20 at 7 p.m. at the Library. By the way, thanks to the trustees and Librarian, Janet Farrington, for maintaining such a wonderful resource for the people of Andover. The other meeting is the Comprehensive Plan Committee chaired by Anna Camire. The group had been working diligently with AVGOG Representative John Mahoney preparing for a new plan for our community. The old plan expired some time ago. The committee is looking for citizen input and to that end you will be receiving a survey shortly. Please fill it out and return as soon as possible when you get it. The committee needs your help, ideas and visions for the future of Andover.

I picked up some advertising for the 55th annual Western Maine Gem and Mineral Show which this year will be held July 9 and 10 at Telstar High School. This is always a great event with excellent door prizes one of which is a Maine aquamarine necklace valued at \$350. I hope to be able to go myself.

Congratulations to the class of 2016 that graduated on Friday evening from Telstar High School which included several Andover residents.

Speaking of school, I wonder if you know anything about the school garden which is behind the school and is being used as a teaching tool to include various methods for growing such as straw bale, raised beds, in ground and potato towers. Those maintaining the garden are hoping to

use the produce in school meals. People are invited to participate in the project with the hope they will learn something new and help maintain the space. There is a Facebook Page called "The School Garden" and you can find out information there or call Claire at 557-5162.

The Committee to Research alternative forms of government for Andover has had two meetings and received an amount of information to ponder over. The next meeting will be July 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Office.

Some people have been inquiring about when their tax bills will be forthcoming. This depends on two things. If the School Budget was approved at the Primary Day voting and if the assessor has completed his work. Then the Selectboard can compute the taxes and commit them to the Tax Collector. It would be my hope that we could do this as early as possible to aid taxpayers and improve our cash flow.

A very Happy 90th Birthday to Edith (Littlehale) Martin, born and raised in Andover. Please wish her a Happy Birthday!

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Thursday, June 9, 12:45 p.m.

We are having high winds here today, only about 56 degrees and it's quite cool and I even turned the heat on and I let it run through a couple of cycles to take the dampness off.

Done a little spring cleaning over the past couple of weeks and got some things picked up and packed to take to the Thrift Shop.

Birthday wishes to all who are celebrating this month, wishing y'all a happy and wonderful day.

So very thankful for all the rain we have had recently, it sure has helped green up the lawns and pastures, but it also has helped in keeping down the forest and grass fires.

The Bethel Alliance Church Free community supper will be held June 29 from 4:30 to 6 p.m.

Mark your calendars for July 15, 16 and 17 and come see us at the Waterford World's Fair. Lots of great food, exhibitions, live music, horse shows and much, much more. Senior dinner to be held at 12 noon in the dance hall Friday the 15th, which includes door prizes and live music.

Lots of garage and lawn sales in the area, with lots of good bargains.

Stopped off to enjoy the Chinese buffet at Lotus in Lewiston Tuesday after we got done entertaining the residents in town.

We will be visiting our friends in Rumford on the 22nd, so looking forward to visiting with each of them.

Yogi has had to take some time off from work due to putting his back out. He will be returning to work next week.

We are looking for a small dog, full grown, about 7 to 10 lbs. and house broken. We lost our little one a few weeks ago due to a stroke and we would like to give another one a good home.

I am still waiting for my Blue Buntlings to appear at the feeders.

A group of Canada Geese set down to feed at the mill pond the other afternoon. Love seeing all of God's creatures every day, it makes life so full.

That's all from the valley this week, have a wonderful weekend.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Last Thursday, as Mona and I were on our way home from Pat's Pizza we met a

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of Dan's driveway. They advised us to drive into Dan's lower driveway exit and back into the road via Dan's upper driveway entrance to avoid running over the power company wires in the road between Dan's driveway entrances. Of course, our power was off when we got home about 7:30 p.m., so I got out a Coleman lantern so we could read until bedtime. I was awakened about 2:10 a.m., when the electricity came back on. I have a backup generator, but I didn't fire it up because I figured the power wouldn't be off too long. The high winds that blew down the birch tree that cut off our power also raised Cain in my garden. Two or three tomato plants were broken off, and the plastic fence that we had just put up for our peas to climb on was whipped by the wind until many of our young pea plants were broken off. Combined with our recent dry weather (before our 2" rain) my garden has been seriously damaged by Mother Nature this year.

When we were in Illinois a couple weeks ago, an article in the Champaign-Urbana "News Gazette" newspaper caught my attention. The article featured a story about the valedictorian of the Judah Christian School class of 2016, Nathaniel Hites. The amazing part of this story is that Hites is missing 25 percent of his brain due to a birth defect when he was born prematurely!

When Hites accidentally hit himself in the head with a large rock experimenting and studying gravity in first grade, his parents rushed him to the hospital for a CT scan. It was then that doctors found that the boy had several fluid filled cavities where brain tissue was supposed to be!

The story goes on to describe how his mother helped him study and overcome several learning disabilities and other handicaps as he went on through school. Hites even helped another seventh grader improve his study skills, one of his proudest achievements.

Anyone interested in reading the article about Nathaniel Hites can check the May 21, 2016 issue of

the Champaign-Urbana, Danville and East Central Illinois "The News-Gazette" online (front page, "He defies expectations").

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Upton Historical Society and the Letter B Notch Riders will hold their respective meetings Sunday, June 26.

I have been seeing more moose this year than in the past few years. Five while driving home through Newry and Grafton Sunday about dusk.

Last Thursday at 5 a.m., the outside digital thermometer read 38 degrees, only 6 degrees above a frost. The tomatoes are doing poorly.

The national media's collective memory of Mohammad Ali is much different than mine. I was in high school in the late 60s and early 70s. During that time, I had a brother in Vietnam and another brother in Thailand, who later served in Vietnam. A third brother joined the American Armed Forces in 1970. He did not go to Vietnam but he willingly served.

There is no doubt that Ali was a great athlete and boxer. But my memories of him in that time are of an arrogant draft dodger. He beat people senseless for a living and claimed "conscientious objector" to violence as a reason not to serve his country. That is how I remember him. Cassius Clay, aka Mohammad Ali, was not an American Hero to me but all three of my brothers are.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstoe@gmail.com to tell me your local news.

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



June is racing to a finish with nary a summer day to her reign. Today, Monday, it is sunny but cold and windy. Perhaps it will warm up eventually. Later in the week they say sun-

ny and warm; we shall see. I am ready. If anyone gets this "summer cold" beware. I nearly ended up with pneumonia. Not fun for a summer day.

Monday, June 20, is the Full Strawberry Moon and the first day of summer; at least according to my calendar. In any case, a big day for June. Enjoy it as the days grow shorter after that. BOO HOO.

Tonight, June 16, at Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School at 7 p.m. Expansion Arts and Art Moves present Let's Dance. Tickets can be purchased at Books 'n' Things or at the Door. FMI: 743-5569.

Saturday, June 18, Bolsters Mills Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper. Sittings at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Third if necessary. Menu: Chicken pie, mashed potato and gravy, veggies, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$10/person \$5 for children under 12. Reservations 9 a.m. until noon. FMI: 583-9024.

Wednesday, June 29, community supper, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Bethel Alliance Church 251 Walkers Mills Road, Bethel - across from Telstar. FMI: 824-2289. July 2 there will be a memorial afternoon for T Jewell Collins more details later.

July 4 there will be a community breakfast at Wilkins House. It will be the start of summer breakfasts.

That is all for this week. Must go off and do my errands. Have a great week and if you have anything you want me to put on this column, please call 743-0583.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



I can't imagine that many people are enjoying the recent weather we have been having. I hope this is not a preview of what is in store for the rest of the summer.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by last Saturday and checked out the new ramp at the Gilead Historical Society. He also said that he and his son, Brad, will be busy

working on the garden this weekend.

Lise McLain attended the Bethel Senior Citizens meeting and luncheon at the Sudbury Inn last week. Hugh and I received a phone call from John Bean, Baker City, OR last week. It was nice to be able to speak with him about the recent passing of his wife, Diane 'Dupont' Bean. He had some memories that he wanted to share with us which were very special.

A little bird lit on the railing to check out the seeds that we had put out for the chipmunk. It was a Phoebe. -We don't see them around our feeders very often.

Hugh and I went to the monthly meeting of the Woodstock Historical Society last Saturday. They had a fairly good turnout for the meeting and program. The program was presented by "The History Detectivists", Heidi Inman and Belinda Hagar. They showed artifacts that they have found from the Stephen Mills area. The items ranged from iron pieces, jewelry, silverware and to glassware. The items are on display at the WHS museum.

We were surprised when Richard Fraser came into the meeting. He had some items that he wanted to donate to the society.

Gilead Historical Society

Phase One of the School House Handicap Access Project was completed last week when the door in the school was installed. (Thanks again to Danielle and Kelly) Phase Two was completed this past week. The workers from Maine Accessibility Corp. appeared on schedule on Wednesday to install the ramp. (Bob and Judy Bishop arrived just a few minutes before the workers.) Installation took most of the day, but there is a very sturdy and nice looking ramp on the side of the schoolhouse. Placement of the ramp was discussed to great length and since there was no room in the front of the building, the side was the logical place for it. There are still plenty of angles for photos that will not show the ramp.

Newry

By DOUG WEBSTER



Congratulations to all the students from Telstar, Gould Academy, Homeschoolers or wherever you went, that graduated and are moving on to the next stage of life. Good luck in the future. I hope that you will stay engaged and continue to learn; this country is counting on your involvement and to see us into the future.

The Windy Valley Snowmobile Club now has a bottle bin. It will be at the Bear River Grange hall, please drop off your bottles and cans and support the club year round. So go ahead and drink up!

Congratulations to all the hard-working fathers out there on Father's Day this weekend. To the rest

of you, get to work!

Don't forget the Trek Across Maine bicycle event on Friday the 17th. For all those drivers that think they own the road, please give consideration to the bicycles. They are biking for a good cause and it's only one day out of the year. Slow down, give them some room, and everybody will be safe and can enjoy the experience.

Looks like the Newry legislative body (Newry citizens), will have to approve more money for the reconstruction of the outer Sunday River Road. The engineer has given the town 6 different options for the work on the road, all the options appear to be over the approved budget, so it seems that we are back to square one. I hope the work will be completed this year for the sake of the people that live out that way.

Bottle and Glass talk at Historical Society

Mr. Walt Bannon, owner of the Maine Antique Bottle and Glass Museum in Naples, will be the speaker June 20 at the West Paris Historical Society. He is an authority on antique bottles and glass.

His collection has been visited by over 2,000 people from around the world. He is the author of the book, "Digger Down: The Thrills and Spills of an Antique Bottle Collector."

The book details many of his adventures, which include some scuba diving ones. He will have some books on hand for anyone wishing to purchase one, as well as looking at any bottles or glass brought to the meeting, to judge the age of it and the worth.

Age-Friendly Community news

For most in the Action Plan projects for the Age-Friendly Community Project (now renamed the Age-Friendly Community Initiative) has been improving the transportation options for those in our community who are no longer able to drive.

This task force has been very busy and is pleased to announce that the Town of Bethel has been awarded a \$3,000 grant by the Harold Dudley Charitable Fund of the Maine Community Foundation. This funding will be used to hire a transportation coordinator for the four-town community (Bethel, Greenwood, Newry and Woodstock).

A newly discovered resource: <http://www.aarp.org/entertainment/books/bookstore/technology-innovation/info-2014/tek-books.html> (or you can access it from the aarp.org home page). The site notes a 40 percent discount on books from their publisher - such as My Digital Entertainment, which suggests "TV shows, radio, music, newspapers and magazines, books, and more - whether you're using a computer, mobile device, or other technology." Other books include: My Internet for Seniors and My Health Technology for Seniors.

The owners of the new Gem Theater, Wade Kavanagh and his wife, Beth Weisberger, are pleased to host a community event next Thursday, June 23, at the theater. This Celebration of Local Food will begin with food, drink, and good conversation from 6 to 7, and at 7 the movie Just Eat It will be shown (free of charge), as well as some short films for kids.

Ryan Parker, of the Natural Resources Council of Maine, will facilitate a discussion after the movie, which focuses on food waste and what we can do about it. FMI on any of the above: Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110).



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Mahoosuc Land Trust "Into the Woods" Speaker Series: Healing Plants

The Mahoosuc Land Trust invites everyone in the area to the June event in its "Into the Woods" speaker series. Darlene Akers will share her knowledge of healing plants that can be found nearby. She will also talk about United Plant Savers and visit some of the plants that are growing on and around the ski trails that are on the "At Risk" and "To Watch" lists. Darlene's talk will be held at Akers Barn in Andover on Wednesday, June 22, beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity for a short midsummer walk in the woods to view some of the plants,

so please come with outdoor footwear. To pre-register (requested but not required) please visit www.mahoosuc.org and click on Events, or call Annie at 824-3806. To learn more about United Plant Savers visit <https://www.unitedplantsavers.org>. The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County and eastern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses.

Fore the Love of Money - Golf and 4-H team up

The Paris Hill Country Club is partnering with the Maine 4-H Foundation to provide a summer of golf on the historic Paris Hill greens worth \$10,000 to some lucky player. And scores and handicaps don't matter.

For each 18 hole round of golf fees paid, the Paris Hill Country Club will donate a portion to the Maine 4-H Foundation. In addition, the Paris Hill Country Club will submit each player's name into a raffle to win \$10,000 to be drawn on Labor Day. Come out and celebrate this wonderful cause, enjoy summer in Maine and Take a Chance on Paris Hill....Fore the Love of Money! Both members and non-members are eligible, with a limit of two raffle tickets allowed per person per week. Offer begins on June 10 and runs through August 31.

The Paris Hill Country Club event will support 4-H young people across Western

Maine through education and outreach. 4-H is one of the largest youth development programs in Maine with a rich history in agricultural education. As a trusted resource for 100 years, the University of Maine Cooperative Extension has supported UMaine's land and sea grant public education role by conducting community-driven, research-based programs in every Maine County. Susan Jennings, Executive Director of Maine 4-H Foundation confirmed that "Proceeds from this program will be directed to the 4-H Program that works with FoodCorps to feed hungry children and programs that promote healthy living. There is a huge need to help young people across Western Maine to set goals and live healthy and happy lives."

Paris Hill Country Club is a historic golf course and club established in 1899 in the village of Paris Hill.

Bethel Senior Citizens meet

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met June 8 at the Sudbury Inn for their meeting and dinner with 34 members present. President Fran Head conducted the meeting and led the salute to the flag. "America the Beautiful" was sung by members. Reports were given by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell.

The door prize was won by Ruth Sobocinski and the 50/50 raffle by Fumi Head. The next meeting will be July 13, 2016 at the Crosstone Restaurant, Route 26 in Woodstock. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. The menu is fish or chicken, price is \$10. Reservations must be made before July 1 by calling Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 with your choice.

Musa Brown gave a brief history of the

Brown Family also the Swan Family. Sandra Gunther told interesting stories of her grandfather Olson who came here from the country of Norway.

Trips for the summer were discussed. Aug. 10 is the picnic at Stoney Brook Campground. Members will bring either a salad or dessert to share; hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

The date of the picnic at Pleasant Valley Campground will be announced later.

A reminder, some have not paid their dues.

Happy birthday was sung to those having June birthdays: Sandra Beaupre, Doris Fraser, Barbara Gallant, Ronald Meserve, Eleanor Jodrey and Bonnie Hutchinson.



SCHOOL VISITS LIBRARY-On Monday all 175 students and the teachers of New Suncook School walked over to the Charlotte Hobbs Library in Lovell to conclude their "Many Authors, One Summer" program. They were welcomed by Director Anna Romer and children's librarian Deanna Wilson. Students ate lunch on the lawn of the library and then had a chance to learn all about this summer's reading club program: "On Your Marks, Get Set ... READ!" After participating in a scavenger hunt, students were able to pick out a book in the library's second hand Book Store. After all that fun everyone walked the half mile back to school. Submitted photo

Real estate transfers

Bethel

Mark A. Merrill to Bear Mountain Holdings LLC of Bethel, land at 15 Thompson Mountain Road, \$5,000; March 18, 2016.

Leslie G. Lufkin to John J. Riley III of Bethel, land and building at 15 Tyler Street, \$128,250; March 31, 2016.

Black Diamond Kailey Real Estate, LLC to B&B Property Management, LLC of Dixfield; land at 288 Mayville Road, \$190,000; April 4, 2016.

Federal National Mortgage Association to Kenneth and Sally Marchand of York Harbor, Me., property at 134 West Bethel Road, \$25,000; April 5, 2016.

Matthew J. Stagliano to Robert and Nadra Edgerley of Scarborough, property at 22 Cherry Lane, \$181,000; April 6, 2016.

Christopher W. Ball to Kevin T. Salvo

of Falmouth, property at 5 Locke View Drive, \$300,000; April 13, 2016.

Lisa P. Freda to Sun Valley Self Storage, LLC, land and building at 129 Sunday River Road, \$140,000; April 13, 2016.

Diane R. Barras to Lucas H. Martin and Michael J. Martin of Newry, land at 8 Crescent Lane, \$24,000; April 15, 2016.

Norman W. and Judith M. Foster to Cheryl Powers and Joseph Talbert of Buckfield, property at 708 Route 232, \$147,000; April 20, 2016.

Michael A. and Robin C. White, land and building at 39 Will View Road to Mark R. Gunville of Yarmouth, \$299,000; April 21, 2016.

Jan Barker to Frederick and Kimberly Mitchell of Mechanic Falls, property at 772 Walkers Mills Road, \$25,000; April 22, 2016.

Help kids learn the game of Golf

Adults who play golf know just how fun and frustrating the game can be. Whether you're a veteran golfer or someone just learning the links, golf can be challenging.

But as exacting as the game can be, it also can be just as rewarding, even for kids. Children who embrace the game of golf will learn a host of lessons they can apply in all facets of life. A humbling game even for professional golfers, golf can teach kids lessons in humility and the value of persistence even when things aren't going your way.

Golf is also a great way for parents to get kids off the couch and outdoors for some fun in the sun. Instead of spending summer afternoons in front of the television, kids who play golf are out patrolling pristine golf courses while getting some cardiovascular exercise along the way. Golf can also strengthen a child's hand-eye coordination, which can help them in other activities, including many different sports.

Though many people do not begin playing golf until they've reached adulthood, it's never too early for boys and girls to start learning the game of golf. Parents of preschoolers can start their kids off with a toddler play set. Though it's just a toy, a play set can help lay a solid foundation for future golfers. Kids who have watched Mom and Dad play golf or practice their swing can develop their own swings on their play set.

As kids approach school age, don't overlook the nearby putt-putt or miniature golf range as a valuable teaching tool. Miniature golf clubs are small enough for many children to use comfortably, and kids can use miniature golf courses as a place to put any lessons or advice on putting to good use. What's more, a miniature golf course is more than just golf, with creative courses and other fun activities, so kids won't feel overwhelmed with golf.

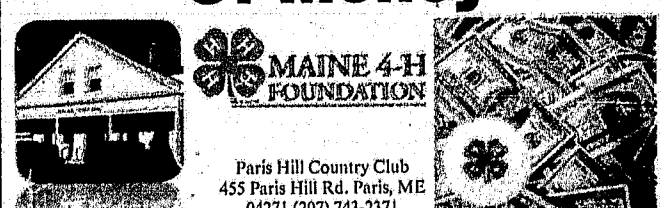
When kids move on from preschool to elementary school, some might want to tag along with Mom or Dad to the driving range. You should try to avoid overwhelming kids with too much instruction or information. Instead, keep things as simple as possible, teaching them the basic swing and encouraging them no matter how quickly they adapt.

As kids enter middle school and approach high school, those who are enjoying the game of golf can take advantage of the driving range if they haven't already begun to. A driving range typically has markers that indicate the distance of a regular hole, regardless of which tee you will play from on an actual golf course. Kids can aim for holes at shorter distances to learn how far their drives are going. You can then adjust the lessons you teach your children based on how far youngsters can drive the ball.

As a child gets closer to high school, you might want to buy the child his or her own set of clubs. Look for inexpensive clubs (oftentimes, thrift stores or other secondhand retailers have clubs for sale) because growing children will eventually grow out of their first set of clubs. When your child finds a set of clubs that suits him or her, teach the proper way to swing and consider signing up your son or daughter for lessons. Those first few lessons can prove invaluable, turning a pastime into a passion kids will carry with them throughout their lives.

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The Waterford Congregational Church launched its "Windows over Waterford" fund drive June 5 to raise \$25,000 to replace the church's 24 windows. After the worship service, members unveiled a sign to mark their progress, featuring an original photo by local photographer Daryl-Ann Leonard.

Submitted photo

Waterford Church launches campaign to buy new windows

The iconic Waterford Congregational Church has anchored the historic village for 217 years, a beacon of faith and community for the small, rural area it serves. When fire destroyed the original building in 1923, the church was rebuilt on the same spot on Plummer Hill Road in Waterford, just up from the town Common, with the original Paul Revere bell and new, majestic windows. Now those windows have outlived their function and need to be replaced.

On Sunday, June 5, the church launched a campaign, entitled "Windows Over Waterford," to raise the \$25,000 needed to replace all 24 windows. Pella Windows, a nationally-recognized leader in the industry, has been hired to custom manufacture and install all of them—the six dominant eight and a half foot windows of the sanctuary, the 11 smaller windows on the first and second levels, and the 7 cellar windows. The work is expected to begin in mid-June and be completed in five days.

Co-chairs of the fundraising effort are Dorothy Wait and Kerry Johnson, both of Waterford. Wait explained that replacing the windows is critical, as the old ones have deteriorated to the point that they can no longer be sealed or repaired. "They are reaching the stage where they could be dangerous," she said, and added that heat loss is a substantial issue, as well. "They're loose, they leak, and they don't keep out the cold," Wait said, "so we're spending money on oil that could be going to our outreach and mission efforts." The church trustees determined that it would cost almost as much to repair the windows as to replace them. That was enough for the church council to give the go-ahead to raise the funds needed for full replacement.

Campaign co-chair Kerry Johnson said

the project is vitally important to the church, as it is the centerpiece of the town. "This is an historic building in an historic village, and we need to honor the village by keeping up this building," he explained. Johnson said the church leaders also were looking for ways to save money over the long haul, so "the substantial energy savings generated by new windows is a big motivation." He said that the new Pella windows will be double-paned with an ion-filled center, increasing the insulation efficiency.

The mid-June installation date precedes the fundraising campaign completion because the church was able to realize a substantial savings by scheduling the earlier date. Johnson explained that a short-term advance from the church's reserve account—to be repaid as soon as possible—made the arrangement possible.

The congregation of the Waterford church numbers roughly 40 families. Through careful management of its resources and rare fundraising efforts, the church has been able to maintain its facilities over many years with the generosity of generations of Waterford residents. A fundraising event that will feature a lasagna dinner and a musical program by Vocal Solutions, is being planned for August 5 at the Wilkins House on Plummer Hill Road by the Church Activities Committee to supplement fundraising efforts.

In addition, the family of former Waterford Congregational Church Moderator and long-time parishioner Fred Engdahl, who died last week at age 79, has requested that anyone wishing to make a donation in Engdahl's memory may contribute to the WCC Windows Fund.

For further information, please contact Ralph MacKinnon at 207.583.2037.

Gould Academy underclass awards

At a ceremony on Sunday, May 29, Gould Academy presented academic awards to members of the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes and Faculty Development Awards to three faculty members.

Academic Book Prizes were presented to the following students.

Freshmen: English and History, Lilo Libby Bean; Mathematics, Minjeong "Zoe" Kim; Art, Qiao "Cindy" Li; Science, Seung Heon "David" Song.

Sophomores: English, Donovan J. McKee; History, Eva D. McMillan; Mathematics and Vocal Music, Benjamin R. Alford; Theatre, Elayna L. Harrison; Art, Zejian "Caroline" Wu; Science, Yuhang "Mercer" Chen.

Juniors: English, Zoe Libby Bean; History and Science, Ngoc K. "Haylee" Luu; Mathematics, Jialin "Sean" Xie; French, Schuyler F. A. Left; Spanish, Eleanor L. Van Winkle; Mandarin, Matthew C. Bennett; Instrumental Music, Shuo-Heng "Oscar" Yen; Art, Kristina Sharabinskaja.

Students elected to the French National Honor Society were Valentin Besner, Qingqing "Cath" Cai, Andrew Dykstra, Nathaniel Gehrke, Noah Grammas, Isabelle Layman, Eva McMillan, Stephanie Nicols, Jialin "Sean" Xie, and Yi "Anne" Xue.

Elected to the Spanish National Honor Society were Nathaniel Baroni, Zoe Bean, Sofiya Bizyayeva, Elizabeth Diaz, Camilla Goculowski, Julia Harding, William Harvey, Richard Hoge, Kiernan Huggins, Acadia Johanson-Gordet, Devin Lampman, Aidan Lear, Lindsey Lucas, Donovan McKee, Leif Olson, Sophie Scurko, Donald Seib, Henry Stark, William Wisdom.

Matthew C. Bennett received the Rensselaer Award, given annually in some 1,000 selected secondary schools in the country to the junior with the highest combined average in science and mathematics.

The Bausch & Lomb Science Award recognizes a top member of the junior class for "outstanding academic achievement and superior intellectual promise in the field of science." This year's recipient was Noah A. Carrier.

Kristina Sharabinskaja received the Art Department Purchase Award. A piece of her artwork has

been selected by the faculty from the annual student exhibition to be purchased and permanently displayed at the school.

The Dartmouth Alumni Book Club Award is given to an outstanding junior who ranks in the top ten percent of the class; demonstrates strong character; has made a positive contribution to the school community; and is a candidate for admission to a competitive college or university. This year the award was presented to Jialin "Sean" Xie.

Xie also received the Princeton Book Award, recognizing strength of character, exceptional leadership and superior academic and extracurricular achievement.

Hayli D. Poisson received the St. Lawrence University Book Award, given annually to recognize the achievements of high school juniors who have displayed a significant commitment to community service.

Poisson also received the Edmond J. Vachon Award, created in honor of Vachon, who joined the Gould faculty in 1940, and became Senior Master in 1941, Associate Headmaster in 1954, and Headmaster in 1959. The award is given to a member of the junior class who exemplifies outstanding contribution to the school and achievement in the community.

Eleanor L. Van Winkle was awarded the College of the Atlantic Book Award, which recognizes "a community-minded citizen who is a passionate steward of change in our social, economic, and environmental systems, and who, perhaps, seems to intuitively grasp the interconnections between these three ways of understanding the world."

The Smith College Book Award, given to an outstanding female junior who exemplifies the academic achievement, leadership qualities, and concern for others that characterize the thousands of women who have graduated from Smith College, was awarded to Kimberly L. Drew.

The Saint Michael's College Award for Scholarship and Service recognizes outstanding students who demonstrate a commitment to volunteerism and leadership in their community service and endeavors. This year's recipients were Zoe L. Bean

and Kiernan D. Huggins.

A Phi Beta Kappa certificate was presented to Qingqing "Cath" Cai for having demonstrated adherence to high academic standards in a broad range of studies in secondary school and intellectual curiosity and achievement both in and beyond the classroom.

Grace E. Schierwagen received the Carolyn S. Wollen Award, created by Headmaster Emeritus and Mrs. William P. Clough III in honor of Wollen, who served on the Gould Academy Board of Trustees from 1985 until 2007. The award honors a sophomore girl who reveals leadership potential through personal example and engages fully in school life.

Faculty Development Awards

In recognition of his high academic and personal standards that engender respect from students and encourage them to succeed, History Dept. Chair Brad Clarke received the Dexter M. Stowell Faculty Development Award. This fund was established in October 2008 in honor of Stowell, Valedictorian of the Class of 1946, by his wife, family, friends, professional colleagues, and fraternity brothers, in support of professional development opportunities for classroom teachers at Gould Academy.

The Philip C. Rau Faculty Development Award was presented to Adam Left, chair of the World Languages Dept. Established in 1999 in honor of Rau, a member of the Gould Academy Class of 1986, by his family and friends, the award recognizes Left's dedication, hard work, creative approach to instruction, and love for guiding teenagers.

Kurt Simard, Competition Program Director and Director of On Snow Programs, received the B. Lowell Kronowitz Faculty Development Award in recognition of his passion, service, and unfailing commitment to the field of education. The award, established by Kronowitz, a member of the Gould Academy Class of 1981, supports the professional and personal development activities of Gould faculty members, including but not limited to academic course work, individualized research, summer travel, and non-traditional experiential pursuits.

Backyard reflections

By Sara Wright

Blue Jay Spring

"Here she comes, here she comes!" the blue jays screech the moment they catch sight of me, alerting everyone in the neighborhood that food is on the way. This morning I was out around 6 a.m. checking on my thirsty perennial gardens before the "great wind" struck. The blue jays sounded impatient as they continued to squawk at me from the pines. They were out of suet, and I had neglected to scatter their seed ration for the morning favoring my plants instead.

I must have at least 30 residents, some of whom stay throughout the summer. These clever members of the Corvid family will inhale an amazing amount of seed if given the chance, so I ration their seed portions while enjoying their antics. After refilling the tube feeder and scattering a bit of seed under the pines I come in to watch a bevy of jays work the tube feeder while another bunch peck away on the ground under the conifers. One jay clings to the tube with black claws and as the others gather below on the ground, he showers them with seed striking the feeder opening over and over with his long black beak. After a few minutes this blue jay will fly off and another will take his place on the tube. One morning I counted five jays repeating this process before being distracted by hungry dogs.

Thanks to biologist Bernd Heinrich many folks are acquainted with the intelligence and tool use by ravens who, like blue jays, are also members of the Corvid family. Captive jays have been known to use strips of newspaper to rake in food pellets from outside their cages, but I was surprised to read that no one has documented that jays in the wild use tools because I have observed this behavior on a number of occasions.

In addition to the heinous ability of red squirrels to foil my every attempt to

capture them in "have a heart" traps I also have jays who routinely flip the traps on their sides, spilling the seed as they settle in for an easy meal. Occasionally I will see a jay take a stick and use it to spring the trap by poking the seed tray with it. These different methods of "trap-seed" gathering appear to depend on the whim of the jay involved? I have no idea because it is difficult to draw conclusions from such a small sampling.

Blue jays favor mixed conifer and deciduous forests that contain beech and oak trees because they are especially fond of nuts. They also carry food in their throat and upper esophagus. They may store 2-3 acorns in their throat pouch, another in their mouth and one more in the tip of their bill. In one study six birds with radio transmitters cached 5000 acorns during a two-month period one autumn! They store nuts for later consumption much like the nefarious squirrels do.

According to some sources blue jays' fondness for acorns and their accuracy in selecting and burying acorns that have not been infested with weevils may be responsible for the spread of oak trees after the last glacial period. Blue jays are omnivores and will feast upon fruits, nuts, seeds, grains, insects, small invertebrates and rarely, birds' eggs. If I put scraps out for the foxes too early in the day the jays will pick chicken bones clean.

Blue jays are native to North America and are well adapted to human activity. They are residents throughout southern Canada and most of the eastern and central United States from Maine to Florida. Their magnificent sky or delft blue color is not derived from pigments, but is a result of light interference due to the internal structure of the feathers. If a blue feather is crushed the blue disappears because the structure is destroyed. Blue jays' deep blue crests stand up when agitated and relax when they are with members of their own

groups. The black neck collar varies from bird to bird and can be used as a means of identification.

The two genders are similar in size and I cannot tell them apart unless it is mating season and see a pair together. These birds also mate for life, and unlike other species stay together throughout the year but around here they also gather in flocks. Both parents build the open cup shaped nest in a branch of either a deciduous tree or an evergreen. Anywhere from two to seven eggs compose the clutch that the female incubates. Both parents feed the chicks and the young stay with their parents for a couple of months. I love seeing the scruffy looking young who have no crests and look as if they have been smudged by pastels. The youngsters are very curious and if I put out anything shiny like a piece of tin foil, bottle caps, or place brightly colored pieces of string on the ground I can be certain a young jay will appear to steal the bounty. Due to the blue jays' pattern of flight and slow flying speed this species makes easy prey for hawks and owls when flying in open areas. These birds are also susceptible to West Nile virus.

I have one pair of blue jays that nest in the enormous field pine near the house every year where they can keep a sharp eye on me when I appear with seed!

In this area the blue jays are supposed to begin courtship in March. Hah! If any were courting around here they have hoodwinked me because they were not pairing up and they were still arriving in flocks every morning up until Memorial Day weekend when I noticed that the flocks were finally breaking up.

Much of the migratory behavior of this species is shrouded in mystery. Thousands of blue jays migrate in flocks along the Great Lakes and Atlantic coast. But some are present throughout the winter in all parts of their range. Young jays may be more likely to migrate than adults but many adults also travel. Some individual jays go south one winter, stay

north the next winter, and then migrate south again the next year. Thus far no one has worked out why these birds migrate when they do. Bird migrations in general remain a mystery to scientists, and a source of wonder to me.

Blue jays are beneficial to other bird species because they will screech at their enemies! They are incredibly persistent and will scream or mob an owl until it chooses another day roost. Blue jays also sound the alarm if a hawk is in the air alerting the small birds to danger. These birds also mimic the sounds of other birds and can be taught to imitate human speech. They have an extraordinary number of distinct calls and I find myself fascinated by their complex conversations. My blue jays "kee" just like the resident red tails and I am often fooled as I run outside to see a raptor only to discover that the blue jays have been mimicking the hawks for reasons that remain unclear to me unless you consider their role as the trickster in mythology.

In Native American myths Blue Jay steals the sun and visits the land of the dead to search out his bride, or in reverse, Blue Jay is a she who has a ghost husband. The Northwest coastal Chinook shamans honor this bird with a dance that includes raucous bird calls so Blue Jay will hear them and give the tribe some of his powers. In one story Blue Jay enjoyed playing tricks on his older sister, Ioi, who he refused to obey. He deliberately misinterpreted what his sister said and excused himself by saying "oh, she always tells lies!" We all know people like Blue Jay who thrive on this kind of crazy-making refusing to take responsibility for their own behavior.

This year I am delighted to see love struck blue jays because in flocks they hog my feeders scaring off the chickadees, nuthatches and rose breasted grosbeaks as they descend in a deep blue cloud... The only bird that doesn't seem intimidated by them is the male cardinal.

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Open Air

By Tom Remington

A Phantom Bear Strikes

I have to set the "way back" machine many years to drag this hilarious-to-me story out of the memory closet. I was in high school. Two friends were spending the summer at a remote (in those days) family camp tucked under the base of a nearby mountain range north of Bethel. I planned a visit.

As it turned out, one of the summer camp occupants (I'll call him Bob), I found wandering about town. I was with a third friend (Jim). After brief conversation, we decided to head for camp, maybe sip a couple of beers, build a fire in the fireplace, and cook some camp food.

When we arrived, the second summer camp occupant (Dick) was not at home. This immediately stimulated those genes that tend to promote mischief and get me into trouble. The plan was that Jim and I would hide and wait for Dick to get home. It was nearly dark, so I moved my car

out back and into some bushes, hoping it wouldn't be seen.

After dark, we spotted headlights coming up the camp road. Odd that as much time as we had to make plans for hide and seek games, little thought and planning went into it. We reacted.

"Quick! Go hide!" was the command. I dashed for the rickety stairs that led to a large room filled with "camp" beds. This was no Holiday Inn - Express or otherwise.

My intention was to surprise more than take 30 years out of a man's life by scaring it out. So, I just laid on one of the beds. Jim got onto the bed in the far, back corner.

When Dick came in the front door, the first thing he said to Bob was, "Whose car is that out back?"

Bob played dumb quite well and asked, "What car?"

Dick, not completely convinced he knew whose car it was, made some remarks that let me know he was a bit scared. I recognized a shotgun snap open. "Uh,

oh," I thought to myself. "This isn't going to work so good."

As he headed up the stairs with the loaded shotgun, I did hear him mumble, "Who'n hell's up heeyah?"

As his head rose above the floor, I sat all the way up and said, "Just me!" But, the joke wasn't over.

When the light came on to the upstairs, I glanced toward the corner bed but there was nobody on it. "Hmmm!"

Back down stairs three of us participated in some nervous conversation. That's when I found out that the camp had been broken into a few days before and the blame was cast on a guy who lived nearby with a terrible reputation - real or imagined, it didn't matter.

In the middle of the large room of the downstairs part of camp, sat a brick "rustic" fireplace. There was a fire going in it. I wondered of the whereabouts of Jim. Soon I found out.

There was a screened-in porch on the front of the camp. With growling and screeching, Jim began clawing at the

screen. I jumped to my feet and yelled, "BEAR!" Reacting quickly, and yes, no doubt stupidly, I grabbed the shotgun, busted out through the outside screen door and yelled, "Get outta here!" and fired one blast of the shotgun into the tops of the trees.

Evidently that convinced Dick that there was stuff going on and he didn't like it. We went back into the camp finding ourselves, once again, engaged in nervous conversation. I sat nearest the front door and was the only one of the three of us who could see the back door of camp. Soon I saw the door slowly open. Jim quietly crawled across the floor to the back of the fireplace. Dick sat, nervous as a clam at low tide, petting his dog's head in rapid fashion. Bob, on the edge of his chair and clueless.

When the screech came from behind the fireplace, Dick busted to his feet, lifting his dog off the floor with a choke hold, shaking profusely and uttering, "Ohhhh-hhhhh, ohhhhhhhh!"

Poor dog.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, June 16

Finding Dory (PG) early-release party & fundraising event; The Gem Theater is donating 20% of all ticket sales to the CPS playground fund. Join us to make this a sold out show. First come, first seated. Doors open at 6 pm; film at 7 pm. General Admission \$8; kids \$6.

Breau's Too Cruise Night; 5 to 7 p.m., Breau's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554

Mollyockett Chorus; will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Brick Church for the Performing Arts at 502 Christian Hill Road (just off Route 5) in Lovell. Tickets are available at the door; adults \$10, children 12 and under \$5. Refreshments will be served. For more information, go to www.lovell-brickchurch.org or call 207-925-1500.

Okay, Let's Dance; 7 p.m., Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School auditorium. Presented by Expansion Arts and Art Moves Dance Studios. Tickets may be purchased at either studio, Books 'n' Things or at the door on show night. FMI: 743-5569 or 890-0514.

Friday, June 17

Andover Summer Concert Series: Seth, Brad, & Anna with The Acoustipalians. 6-8 on the Andover Common Andover Summer Concert Series Facebook Group.

Saturday, June 18

Car Wash & Bottle Drive; 9-noon, at the Bethel Congregational Church to benefit youth attending the UCC National Youth Event in July.

Indoor yard sale; at the Wilkins House in Waterford from 8 a.m. to noon, on Plummer Hill Rd. next to the church in the center of Waterford. All proceeds benefit the church and the Wilkins House.

Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper; Sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. (third sitting to follow if necessary). Menu: chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$10 per person \$5 for children under 12. Reservations can be made Saturday morning only between 9 a.m. and noon (583-9024).

Great Annual Book Sale at the Rumford Public Library; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. downstairs in the Public Room. Proceeds help the Rumford Library Friends continue its work to offer poetry and mystery book programs for the community. After you buy your books, visit the newly restored reading room on the main floor. More information: 364-3661

Sunday, June 19

Finnish-American Heritage Society of Maine monthly meeting; 2 p.m. at 8 Maple Street, West Paris. Following a short business meeting, we will be showing the film "Aatsinki - The Story of Arctic Cowboys," one year in the life of a family of reindeer herders in Finnish Lapland. A study of hard work, earned leisure, and an intricate bond between land and nature. In Finnish with English subtitles, the film was a New York Times "critic's pick." The public is welcome to join in viewing the film and enjoying the coffee table.

Tuesday, June 21

Special Town Meeting in Newry; on Sunday River Road project funding. 6 p.m. at Grange Hall.

Church Supper at the North Waterford Church; 5-6:30 p.m. The first Public Supper of the summer will be held at the North Waterford Church (Route 35, opposite Melby's Eatery) from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Baked beans and brown bread, homemade casseroles, salads, and gingerbread for dessert. \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children.

Wednesday, June 22

"Into the Woods" speaker series; Mahoosuc Land Trust. Darlene Akers will share her knowledge of healing plants that can be found nearby. She will also talk about United Plant Savers and visit some of the plants that are growing on and around the ski trails that are on the "At Risk" and "To Watch" lists. At Akers Barn in Andover beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be an opportunity for a short midsummer walk in the woods to view some of the plants, so please come with outdoor footwear. To pre-register (requested but not re-

quired) please visit www.mahoosuc.org and click on Events, or call Annie at 824-3806.

Town of Gilead special meeting; to vote on the School Budget. 5 p.m., Town Hall, Gilead. FMI: Town Office, 836-2115.

Thursday, June 23

Just Eat It, Where is Your Food Going?; a food waste story. At The Gem Theater, 23 Cross St. Bethel, from 6-8:30 p.m. Also showing "Nature Cat." Presented by the Local Food Connection and the Natural Resources Council of Maine.

4th Thursday Poetry at Rumford Public Library; monthly gathering of poetry lovers, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Light refreshments, good conversation, great poetry. Come! Bring a friend, bring a poem. More information: 364-3661.

Friday, June 24

Exhibit Opening: The Mountains of Maine: Skiing in the Pine Tree State. The Ski Museum of Maine is teaming up with two other organizations to present an exhibit illustrating Maine skiing history at the Bethel Historical Society. www.bethelhistorical.org

Potluck supper at West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel; 5:30 p.m. followed by the founder and project director of the Kakamega Orphanage in Kenya talking about the program and its mission. Bring a dish to share.

Saturday, June 25

Mahoosuc Land Trust morning hike; 10 a.m. Folks of all ages and abilities invited. There is an easier 3 mile route along the Sanborn River, where there are lots of spots to stop and play in the water. Or there is a 7-mile route following the river and around Oversett Pond. A picnic will follow. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring water as well as lunch if you stay for the picnic. Sunscreen and insect repellent are strongly recommended. Directions: Take Greenwood Road off Route 26 and travel about 7 miles south. Turn right onto Patch Mountain Road. After 1/2 mile take slight right onto Willis Mills Road and look for parking on left.

Bethel Rotary Annual Auction and Yard Sale; Telstar High School. The yard sale begins at 8 a.m. There will be an auction preview at 5:30, followed by the auction at 6:30 p.m. FMI: (207) 653-9297.

Gilead Historical Society: Friends and Family Day; Public Crock Pot Luck Lunch-11 a.m. Homemade hot and cold dishes and desserts. Program follows: Traveling Through the Androscoggin River Valley, "The Three R's of Gilead: Roads, Railroads and Rivers," Town Hall, Depot Street, Gilead. FMI: Lin Chapman, 836-2387 or email chapmal@hotmail.com

Bethel American Legion Auxiliary Yard Sale; 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Legion Hall, Vernon Street, Bethel. Tables and space inside will be available for \$15; space outside will also be \$15, but tables will not be provided. Space is limited, so advance reservations and deposits are needed (contact Barb Dion at 824-3122 before June 19). There will also be a bake sale and lunch available.

Sunday, June 26

RPC's 4th Annual Fun Dog Day; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Oxford Fair Grounds. Fundraising dog walk, dog show, contests, games, working dog and agility demonstrations, kids' activities, food, raffles, vendors, and more. Family-friendly, dogs welcome. Celebrating dogs and dog lovers. For walker registration and more information call Morgan at (207) 418-7986 or visit www.rpc.petfinder.com and Facebook.

Wednesday, June 29

Community Supper; 4:30-6 p.m. (no charge) Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Rd. (across from the Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Friday, July 1

Bethel Art Fair kick off; at Gem Theater, with a visual trip to Italy to visit the Uffizi museum! Join us at 5 p.m. for a social-hour wine tasting. Film screening of Florence and the Uffizi at 6 pm. Seating is limited, purchase tickets at www.thegemtheater.com. Tickets \$12.

Youth Ensemble of New England; concert of sacred and classical music at the Woodstock SDA Church, 25 Perkins Valley Road, Bryant Pond. 7 p.m. Orchestra is composed of 30 young people ages 10 to 20. They will perform works of the great masters, as well as great hymns and sacred works.

Saturday, July 2

Bethel Art Fair; on the Bethel Common. 50+ artists and artisans. Food, entertainment, gallery open houses, and fireworks. www.bethelmaine.com.

Bethel Plein Air Painters' Open House; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Isham Farm, 1006 Vernon St., Albany Township. Works in pastel, watercolor, charcoal, mixed media by Melody Bonnema, Linda Isham, Mary Isham, Peter Musso and Saranne Taylor.

Sunday, July 3

Bethel Plein Air Painters' Open House; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Isham Farm, 1006 Vernon St., Albany Township. Works in pastel, watercolor, charcoal, mixed media by Melody Bonnema, Linda Isham, Mary Isham, Peter Musso, and Saranne Taylor.

Art Opening at the Mill Hill Inn; 4-6 p.m. Gallery opening for William Landmesser - oil paintings. Refreshments will be served - free to the public. The gallery is open for viewing all day Saturday.

Monday, July 4

Fourth of July Community Picnic & Concert; Outdoor concert; by the Portland Brass Quintet at the Bethel Historical Society, Broad Street. Bring lunch, and enjoy a two-hour concert. 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

July 9 and 10

Western Maine Gem, Mineral, and Jewelry Show; Gems, minerals, crystals, books, magazines, fossils, jewelry, door prizes, museum-quality displays, gem raffle 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Telstar High School.

Monday, July 11

Socrates Cafe; at the Waterford Library from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Discussion topic: 80/80 Visions: Contrast American life eighty years ago with today and contemplate what it may be eighty years from now. Moderator: Robert Casimiro. Light refreshments provided. FMI call 583-6957.

Wednesday, July 13

Bethel Senior Citizens Club meeting and dinner; at Crosstone Restaurant Route 26 in Woodstock. Meeting starts at 11 a.m. The menu is a choice of fish or chicken. Reservations must be made before July 1 by calling Arlene Lowell with your choice. Price is \$10.

July 15 and 16

New England Forest Rally; Sunday River and surrounding area. Regional and national rally racing pros on the back roads of western Maine and northern New Hampshire. www.sundayriver.com

Saturday, July 16

Mollyockett Day, Bethel; Road race, parade, fireworks, live music, kids' entertainment, and vendors on common with crafts, food, community groups. www.bethelmaine.com

Bolsters Mills United Methodist Church Chicken Pie Supper; Sittings at 5 and 6 p.m. (third sitting to follow if necessary). Menu: chicken pie, mashed potato, gravy, vegetables, rolls, beverages and dessert. \$10 per person \$5 for children under 12. Reservations can be made Saturday morning only between 9 a.m. and noon (583-9024).

Thursday, July 21

Breau's Too Cruise Night; 5 to 7 p.m., Breau's Too parking lot, Bryant Pond. FMI: 665-2554.

Saturday, Aug. 13

Waterford Library's Summer Gala; 6-9:30 p.m. Silent Auction, Hors D'oeuvres, Wine, Music. Auction Bidding 6:30-8:30. \$3 per person; \$5 a couple. Black Tie optional.

Thursday, Aug. 18

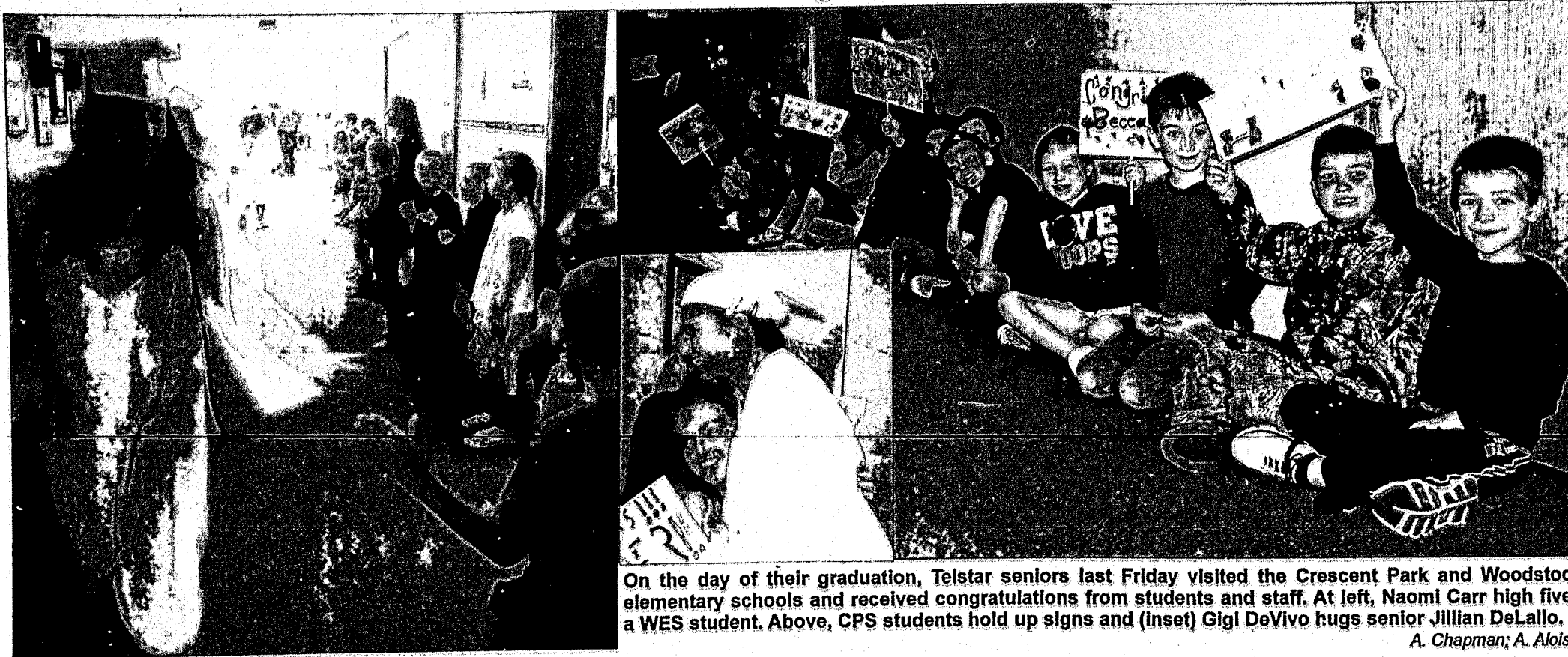
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SAD 44 School year wraps up



On the day of their graduation, Telstar seniors last Friday visited the Crescent Park and Woodstock elementary schools and received congratulations from students and staff. At left, Naomi Carr high fives a WES student. Above, CPS students hold up signs and (inset) Gigi DeVivo hugs senior Jillian DeLallo.

A. Chapman; A. Aloisio

Sports



High School Varsity Softball

Telstar 5, Monmouth 3; June 9-Telstar's Natasha Hart's single in the 5th inning drove in Becca Howard and Tehya Johnson to secure the win over a determined Monmouth Academy team. Olivia York threw well striking out 8 and walking only one for her 16th win of the season. Ashley Savage and Becca Howard each scored 2 runs for the Rebels and Tehya Johnson added an RBI single and a run scored for the home team. Hayley Peterson's throw from centerfield cut down a Mustang runner in the 3rd inning to preserve Telstar's 2-0 lead. Blair Stevens and Becca Howard combined for a throw them out-tag them out play in the fateful 5th inning as the visiting Mustangs took a 3-2 lead. Telstar came right back with 3 runs in their half of the 5th, Ashley Savage walked and eventually scored on a wild pitch and Becca and Tehya both scored on Tasha's single. - Coach Jim Lunney



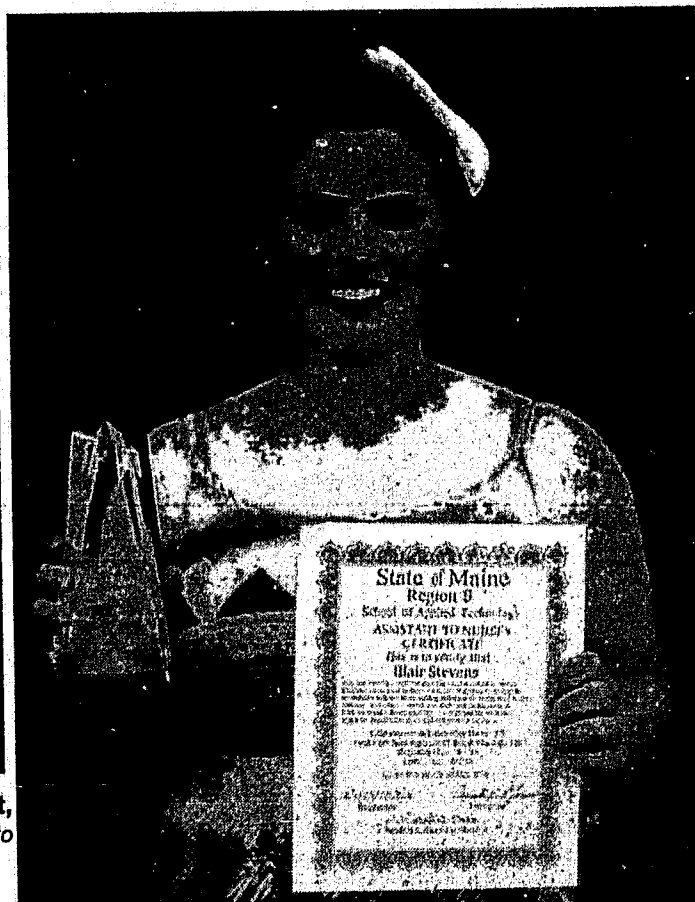
NOT THE ENDING THEY WANTED, BUT A GOOD SEASON JUST THE SAME-The Telstar High School Softball Team bowed out of the Western Class C playoffs Saturday with an 8-4 loss to Lisbon. The Rebels had been victorious last Thursday with a win over Monmouth Academy. Above, Telstar catcher Blair Stevens tags out a Monmouth runner at the plate. At left, against Lisbon, the Rebels' Becca Howard rounds third on her way to score in the first inning as Coach Jim Lunney waves her on.

A. Aloisio



The Telstar Middle School Leadership Committee at Responsible Pet Care with donations they bought at Wal-Mart, and also presenting them with a \$1,000 check from their fundraising efforts this year.

Submitted photo



BLAIR STEVENS HONORED-On June 2 Blair E. Stevens, a member of the Telstar High School Class of 2016, was pinned as a Certified Nurses Aide. She was also honored with the CTE Student of the Year award, and received the Academic Excellence Award in her class. In May Blair was also honored with the Citizenship Award from the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce. She is enrolled at Husson University, where she will begin the nursing program in the fall.

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Location: Jackson Silver American Legion Post, 595 Gore Road, Greenwood
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Auction at 11am

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a salute to the class of
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Telstar Regional High School



The Telstar Regional High School Class of 2016 graduated Friday in ceremonies in the school gymnasium. Clockwise, from above: Robert Crockett and Rebecca Howard march at the beginning of Commencement; Fabian Corriveau with his diploma; Speaker Co-President John Walker; the class sings "Humble and Kind," directed by music teacher Jennifer Bennett; Keith Crockett-Harrington.



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community college



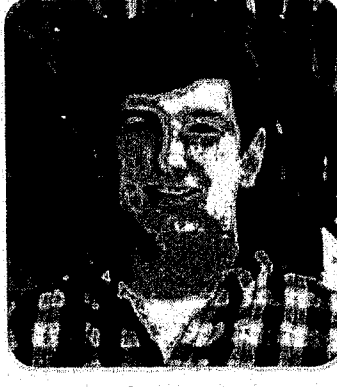
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Brent & Lori Angevine
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Rachel Grace Barton
James & Dolly Barton
Albany Township
Attending the University of Southern
Maine, Gorham, majoring in English



Austin Lynn Bear
Andrew & Becky Bear
Hanover
Attending Saint Joseph's College of
Maine, Standish, majoring in Medical
Biology/Pre-Med



Michael Ryan Bennett
Michael Bennett of Bethel
Cathy Beed of Fall River, Ma.
Bethel
Working as a Logger for Bennett's
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Carla Ruth Boyle-Wight
Eric & Patricia Wight
Newry
Attending the University of New
Hampshire, Durham, majoring in
Music Education



Elizabeth Hall Brooks
Henry & Brenda Brooks
Greenwood
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Christian Michael Brown
Herman Brown of Bethel
Tatum Rosenberg of Woodstock
Bethel & Woodstock
Working as a self-employed musician



Kaitlyn Elizabeth Brown
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at Augusta, majoring in Medical
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Orono, majoring in Biology



Fabian Kenneth Felix
Corriveau, Jr.
Fabian Corriveau of Bethel
Carole Stevens, Newport News, VA
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Attending Unity College, Unity,
majoring in Wildlife Biology



Robert Aaron Crockett
Aaron & Kelly Crockett
Bethel
Attending White Mountains
Community College, Berlin, NH,
majoring in Mobile Equipment
(Diesel Mechanic)



Keith Michael Crockett-Harrington
Kelly Harrington of Bethel
Michael Crockett of West Paris
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Attending Washington County Community
College, Calais, majoring in Heavy
Equipment Operations & Maintenance



Joshua David Crosby
Angela Smith
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Undecided



Akayla Autumn Curtiss
Amanda Curtiss of Bethel
Fred Curtiss of Greenwood
Bethel & Greenwood
Enrolling in International Sports
Science Association online college



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Michelle York of Andover
Christopher Damon of Norway
Andover
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Jillian Rae DeLallo
Russell DeLallo of Bryant Pond
Jacqueline DeLallo of Bethel
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Childhood Education



Jessica Lilli Dine
Phillip & Deborah Dine of
Bethel & Chevy Chase, Md.
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Attending Grinnell College, Grinnell,
Iowa, majoring in Criminal Justice



Jerriah Michael Edwards
Jennie Edwards
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Attending Central Maine Community
College, Auburn, majoring in Ford
Asset Automotive Technology



Lisa Mary Gammon
Stacy & Cynthia Gammon
Andover
Attending the University of Southern
Maine, Gorham, majoring in
Psychology



Calvin Russell Glover
Belinda Glover of Gilead
Jason Glover of Andover
Gilead & Andover
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College, Auburn, majoring in
Precision Machining



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Brian Goodrich of West Bethel
Cynthia Goodrich of Waterford
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majoring in General Studies/Nursing



Kirstie Ann Haas
Kenneth & Nicole Haas
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Community College, S. Portland,
majoring in General Studies/Nursing



Lexie-Ann Mikayla Hart
Tracy Hart of Bethel
Amy Cormier of North Bridgton
Bethel
Attending Southern Maine
Community College, S. Portland,
majoring in Early Childhood Education



Rebecca Lynn Howard
Patrick & Donna Howard
Gilead
Attending Champlain College,
Burlington, Vt., majoring in
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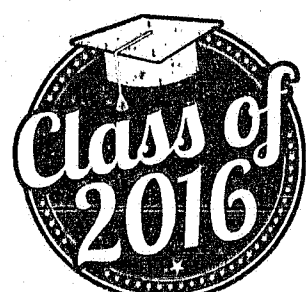
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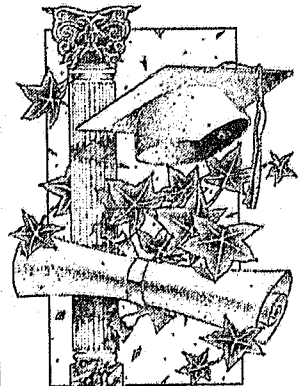
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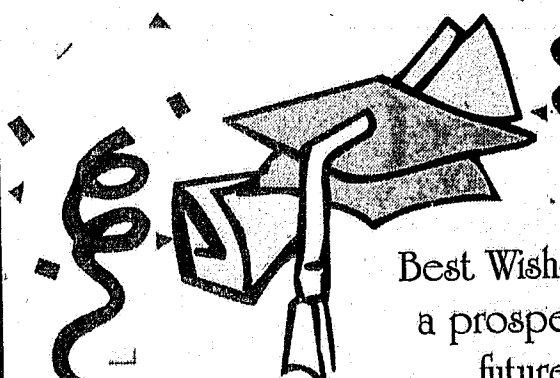
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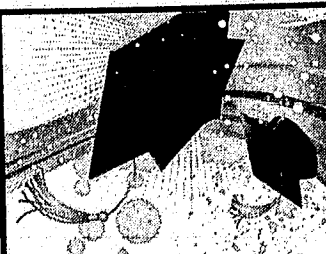
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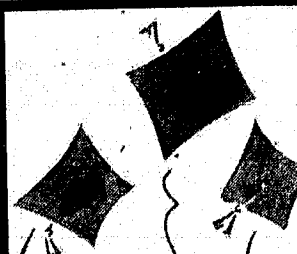


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Mackenzie Mari Jones
Roxbury
Working as a C.N.A. for Pinnacle Rehabilitation, Canton, and pursuing a B.S. in Nursing in 2017-18



Dakota James Merrill
James & Stacy Merrill
Albany Township
Local employment with Rick Merrill Landscaping



Rebecca Lynn Miller
Theodore & Tina Miller
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Applying to Southern Maine Community College, S. Portland, as a Culinary Arts major



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Cassidy Jane Smith
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Walter Smith of Andover
Andover
Attending the University of New England, Biddeford, majoring in Psychology



Amber Delaney Souve
Derek & Faye Souve
Hanover
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Storey Lynn St. Pierre
Joseph & Rebecca St. Pierre
West Paris
Travel, then pursuing college in Massachusetts, as a B.A. Music major



Trisha Skye St. Pierre
Joseph & Rebecca St. Pierre
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Scott & Amylynn Stevens
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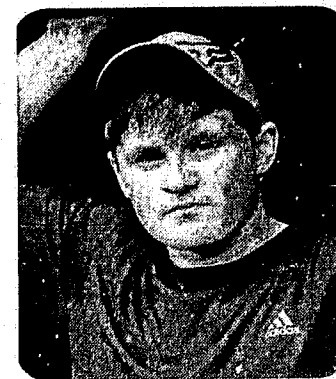
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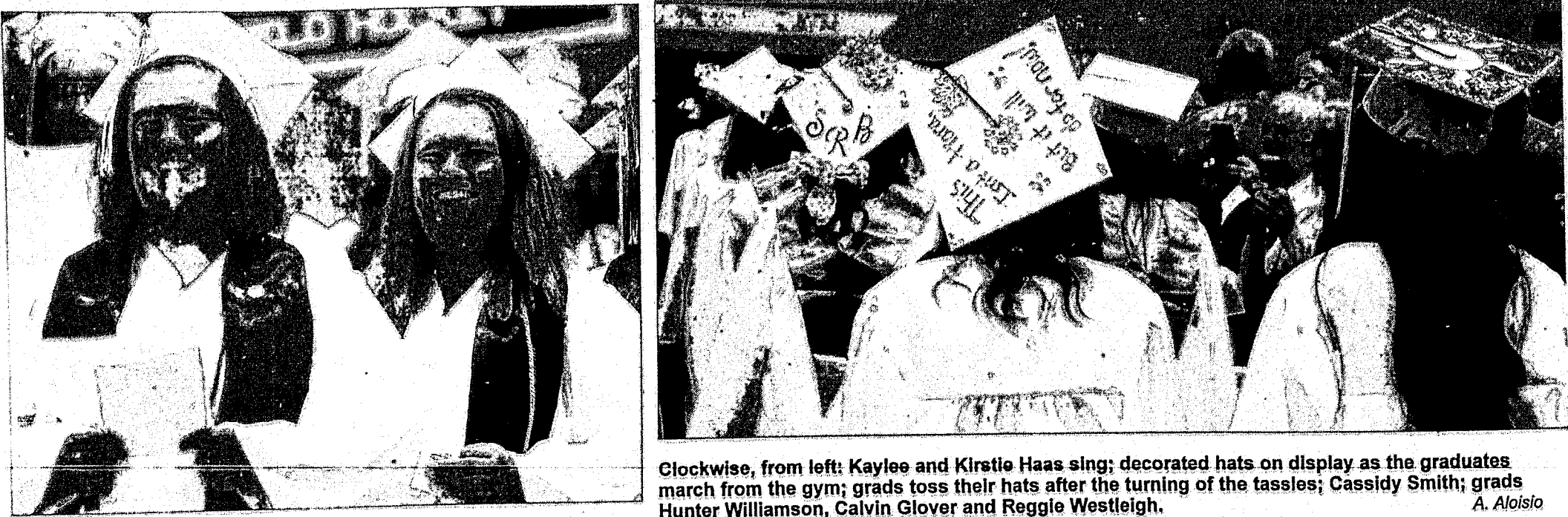
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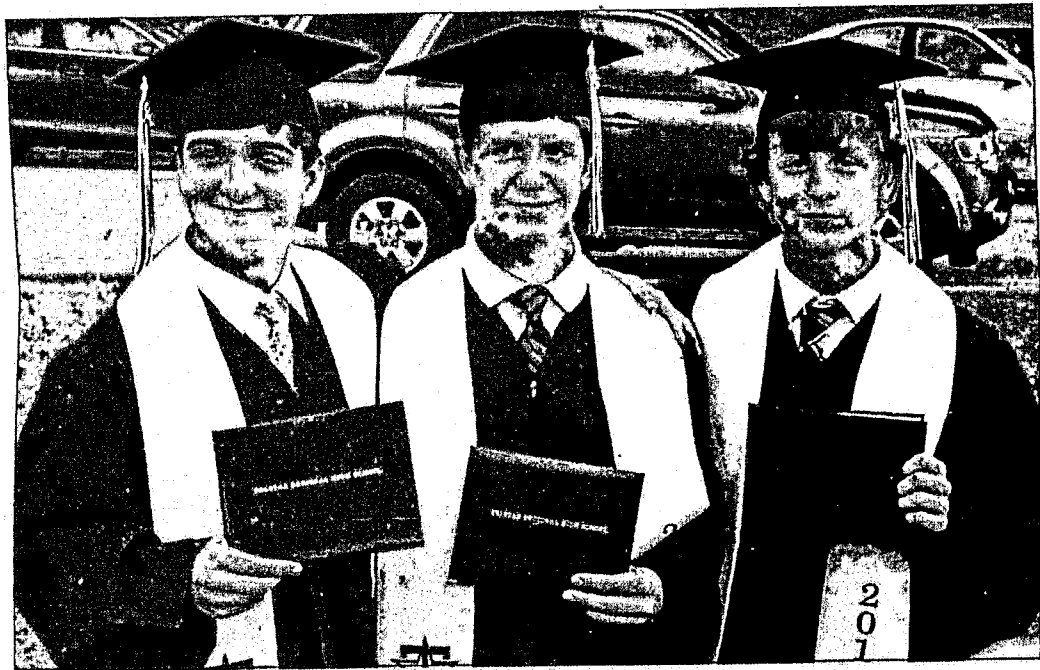
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Clockwise, from left: Kaylee and Kirstie Haas sing; decorated hats on display as the graduates march from the gym; grads toss their hats after the turning of the tassels; Cassidy Smith; grads Hunter Williamson, Calvin Glover and Reggie Westleigh.

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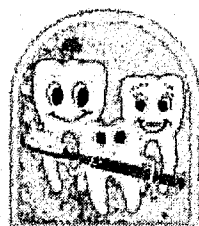
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Jerry was predeceased by his infant daughter, Patricia, and by his first wife, Alice.

Survivors include his loving secondwife Diana, daughters Kathryn Ann Nichols (Jonathon) and Carolyn Ann Davis (Larry Beame), two grandchildren U.S. Captain Joason Jerrold Nichols (Courtney) and Chelsea Nichols (Scott Kline). He also leaves four stepchildren Susanna Loh (Jeff), Thomas Kiluk (Danna), Andrew Kiluk, MD (Beth) and John Kiluk, MD (Vinita) as well as seven step-grandchildren.

Jerry was born in Bethel, Maine in 1931. He had a singularly happy childhood with his parents Earl and Elsie Davis and his older siblings, Ginny (Keniston) and Stan. Jerry was an outstanding athlete at Gould Academy, making many sports records that remain unbroken and is the Gould Athlete Hall of Fame. He attended Springfield College, Mass., after high school and participated in the Penn Relays. He joined the U.S. Navy during the Korean War and was part of a land-based air crew, monitoring Soviet submarines in the North Atlantic.

After military service, Jerry settled in Pittsfield, Mass. with his wife Alice. He spent most of his professional life working with the telephone company, first with the New England Telephone, followed by many transmutations and ending with Verizon. Upon retirement he moved to Naples, Fla. Later with his wife Diana, he first lived in Augusta, Ga. before settling in Tampa.

A loving husband, father and grandfather, he like to build things, including his home in Pittsfield, gardening and golf. His most outstanding activity, however, was always being eager to help others in any way he could. Jerry was a natural gentleman and people felt good just being around him. Quiet and modest, he went through his life with manly grace. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

The family would like to recognize the staff at John KNOX Village for their loving care of Jerry in the last months of his life.

Donations in his name may be made to Doctors without Borders or to Gould Academy, Bethel, Me.



ROBERT CORRIVEAU

Robert "Bob" Corriveau, 73, of West Paris, passed peacefully in the Togus Springs Hospice Unit on Thursday, June 9, 2016 after battling cancer.

He was born in Southbridge, Mass. on Nov. 30, 1942, son of Raymond and Dorothy (Bremer) Corriveau. Bob attended Tantasqua Regional High School where he met his first love, Carol Christian. He joined the Marines in 1960 and served in Okinawa, Vietnam, and Camp Lejeune, N.C. where he and Carol started a family after marrying in 1963.

Following an honorable discharge, Bob worked as an auto mechanic, machinist, and electronics manager installing and troubleshooting CNC equipment. He applied those skills in two business ventures: BC Motors in Sturbridge, Mass. and later at BC Machine in West Paris.

He had a passion for music and played several instruments including guitar, banjo and mandolin, and performed in a bluegrass and old time country band for years. Bob had an off-beat sense of humor and a genetic penchant for pastries (baking and eating). He liked riding motorcycles, hunting, fishing and camping. He enjoyed sharing his technical knowledge and life lessons with anyone who wanted to learn and using his skills or resources to help a friend in need.

Bob is survived by his companion of three years Evelyn Grimm, son Gene Corriveau and partner Hedy Kummer; daughter Carlene Corriveau Logan, daughter-in-law Margaret Dunn Corriveau, grandchildren Andrew Logan and Dale Corriveau (and wife Amanda), mother Dorothy Corriveau, sisters Joann Raffail and Sandra Partlow (and companion John Balderelli), brothers-in-law Robert Raffail and Ben Perez, and he was predeceased by his wife Carol, father Raymond and brother Gilbert.

Condolences and tributes may be shared with his family and friends at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Family and friends are invited to a time of memorial visitation from 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at the Chandler Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 45 Main St., South Paris.



MARJORIE L. WESTLEIGH

Marjorie L. (Tibbets) Westleigh, 91, of Bethel, died on June 1, 2016 at her daughter's home in Hiram. She was born in Rumford on Oct. 30, 1924 a daughter of Fred and Lois (Cummings) Tibbets and attended local schools. Marjorie was a devoted homemaker her whole life. She enjoyed reading and going to yard sales in her spare time. Above all, she loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and the rest of her large family.

Besides her parents, she is predeceased by her beloved husband of 62 years, Ernest Westleigh; children, Dale, Bethany, Lorena, Ernest R., Trafton and Eugene; her brothers Homer, William, Elgin, Zane, Kenneth and Edward; her sister, Wanita; son-in-law, Ronald Avanzato; also a great-granddaughter.

Surviving are her daughters Charlotte Avanzato of Hiram, Lenora Conger and husband Kevin of New Gloucester, Lydia Lavallee and husband Chuck of New Gloucester, Roxanne Fields and husband Francis of Harrison and Heidi Westleigh of Albany; sons Francis Westleigh and wife Sally of Bethel, Richard Westleigh and wife Linda of Rumford and Zane Westleigh and wife Kristi of Lovell; a daughter-in-law, Allene Westleigh of Denmark; also 23 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren with one expected and 15 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held on Friday, June 10 at 11 a.m. at the Flat Road Cemetery in West Bethel. Arrangements by Watson, Neal & York Funeral Home.

GENEVA J. MCCOY

Geneva J. McCoy, age 88 of Gilead, passed away Monday, June 13, 2016 at Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway.

She was born in Limington, Me. on Oct. 28, 1927, a daughter of James and Eva (Carigan) Johnston. She was educated in Bethel schools. Following high school, Geneva attended hairdressing school and for many years, she owned and operated a beauty salon on Main Street in Bethel.

She lived in Gilead for many years and was a former member of the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel, and most recently was a member of the Pleasant Valley Bible Church.

Geneva was an avid painter and artist and loved playing the guitar. She married Samuel McCoy on Dec. 31, 1964. He died in 1992.

Besides her husband, Geneva is predeceased by her brother, Leslie James Johnston, Sr. and her sister, Mabel Johnston Reynolds.

She is survived by a nephew, Leslie James Johnston, Jr. and his wife, Tracy of Deerfield, Mass.; three nieces, Elaine Beaudoin and her husband, Roy of Turner Falls, Mass., Jean Cartledge and her husband, Robert of Leeds, Mass., and Elizabeth Tozloski and her husband, Barry of Sunderland, Mass.; and special friends, Tammy McDormand of Gilead, and Elaine and Jeff Hutchins, also of Gilead.

A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 17, at the Pleasant Valley Bible Church, 407 Flat Road, Bethel. If desired, donations in Geneva's memory can be made to the Maine Cancer Foundation, 170 U.S. Rte#1, Suite 250, Falmouth, ME 04105, or to Responsible Pet Care, PO Box 82, Norway, ME 04268.

Arrangements are in the care of Chandler Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel. Condolences can be expressed at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Graveside services

ANN H. BICKFORD

Graveside services for Ann H. Bickford will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 1 p.m. at Riverside Annex Cemetery in South Paris. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 45 Main St., South Paris.

Weddings



Merry-Mariucci

Sarah Ann Merry, the daughter of Victoria A. Meisner of Bethel, Me., and David E. Merry of Smithfield, Me., was married May 28 to Adam Derek Mariucci, a son of Gayle E. Mariucci and Steve Mariucci of Monte Sere, Calif. The Rev. Edward Hopkins, a Roman Catholic priest, performed the ceremony at St. Patrick's Old Cathedral in Manhattan.

The couple met at Santa Clara University, from which they graduated.

The bride, 28, is an assistant district attorney in the Bronx. She received a law degree, cum laude, from Brooklyn Law School. Her father is the chief executive of FMJ Storage, in Smithfield. Her mother retired as a master sergeant in the Air Force.

The groom, 29, is an agent in Manhattan for Nest Seekers International. His father, a former head coach of the San Francisco 49ers and Detroit Lions, is now an analyst for the NFL Network.

Births

Anna Beth Szeliga was born to Cassie Mason Szeliga and Mark Szeliga of Bethel on May 31, 2016 at 6:54 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are John and Tracy Mason of Bethel.

Paternal grandparents are Kate Szeliga of Portland, Ore. and Conrad Szeliga of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mollyockett Chorus to perform at Summer Series

The Mollyockett Chorus will once again be performing at the Poland Spring Preservation Society's Summer Concert Series on Monday, June 27. The show begins at 7 p.m., in the All Souls Chapel at Poland Spring.

This year's show, "The Women's Book Club," weaves the chorus' repertoire of ballads, up-tunes, and show tunes into a parody of popular book titles. The group's four-part, a cappella harmony, known familiarly as barbershop, has attracted a full house the past two summers. The chorus is including a special set of patriotic songs to lead us into the July 4 weekend celebration.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m., with member seating starting at 6:25 p.m. Ticket prices are \$7.50 at the door. Advance purchase tickets are \$8 and available at the Maine State Building Gift Shop, across from the Chapel, until 5 p.m. the day of the performance.

The Mollyockett Chorus, now completing its 20th year as a chapter of Sweet Adelines International, rehearses Tuesday evenings at the First Universalist Church of Norway, 479 Main Street, Norway, from 6:30-9 p.m. Women who are interested may visit the chorus at a rehearsal.

More information is available on the chorus website, www.mollyockettchorus.org, or by calling Jolan at 364-4102.

Concerts on the Hill return to Paris

The First Baptist Church of Paris will be hosting Concerts on the Hill again in 2016. The first concert will be held on Sunday, June 26, at 3 p.m. It will feature Adrienne Cote of Paris Hill.

Ms. Cote is an actor and business consultant. She has appeared in several national tours, and in long running productions off-broadway and in Boston. Best known for her work in "Late Nite Catechism" and "Menopause the Musical." Her business consulting work is related to her other career as a merchandising executive in the direct marketing industry. She will be performing a program of show tunes.

Jim McLaughlin, the Music Director at Gould Academy in Bethel, will be accompanying Ms. Cote.

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